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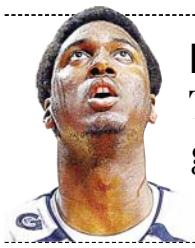

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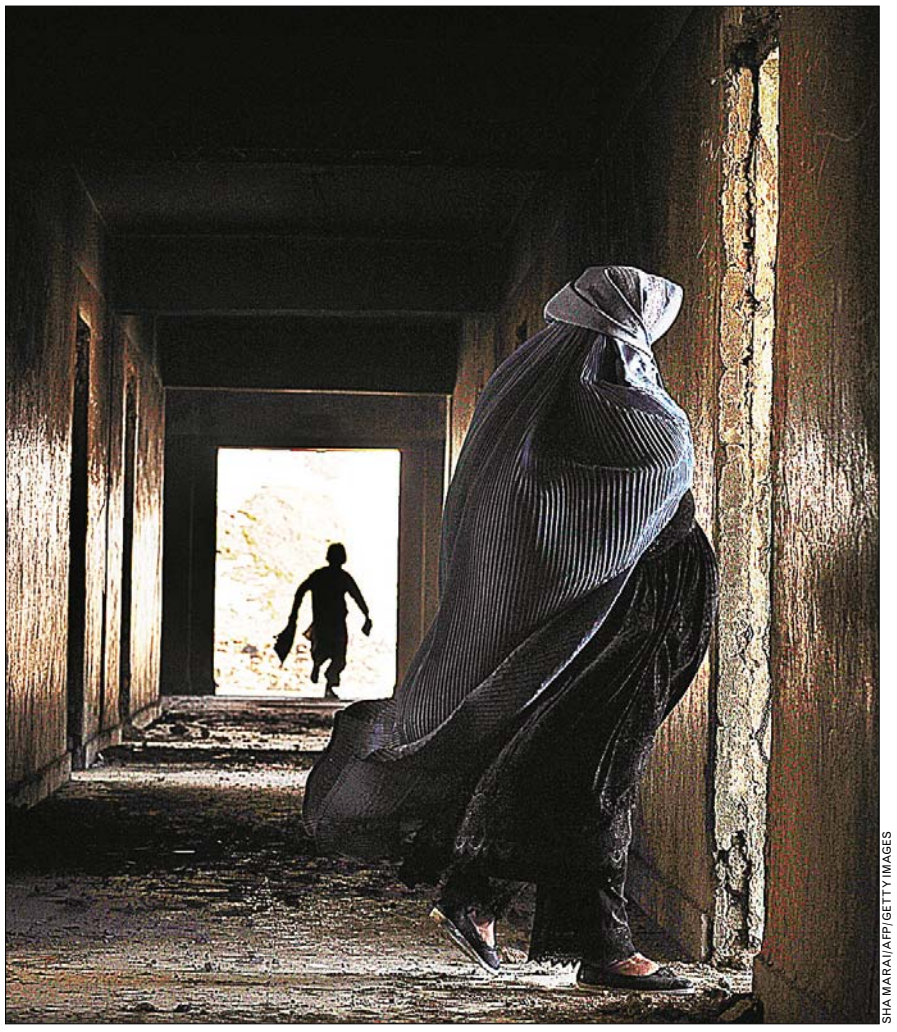

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Afghans Face Deadly Winter

HARSH REALITY: A burqa-clad Afghan woman walks in frigid temperatures Thursday through a compound of abandoned buildings in Kabul where displaced Afghans live. More than 320 people and thousands of livestock have died in Afghanistan this month in freezing weather and the heaviest snowfalls the country has seen in 15 years, the country's disaster authority said.

Stimulus Rebates Plan OK'd

Bipartisan agreement could have checks in mail by May

WASHINGTON | With unprecedented speed and cooperation, Congress and the White House forged a deal Thursday to begin rushing tax rebates of $600 to $1,200 to most tax filers by spring, hoping they will spend the money just as quickly and jolt the ailing economy to life.

The one-time tax rebates are at the center of a hard-won agreement to pump about $150 billion into the economy this year and perhaps stave off the first recession since 2001. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Republican leader John Boehner and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson worked out the details in negotiations that stretched into Wednesday night.

About two-thirds of the tax relief would go out in rebate checks to 117 million families beginning in May. Businesses would get $50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment.

Individual taxpayers would get up to $600 in rebates, working couples $1,200 and those with children an additional $300 per child under the agreement. The rebates would phase out gradually for individuals whose adjusted gross income exceeds $75,000 and for couples with incomes above $150,000. (AP)

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INSUFFERABLE BROOKLYNITES

Twee Quirkiness Hits Dangerous Heights; Dozens Left Unhip

A Brooklyn mom found a tiny frog comfortably nestled in the leaves of organic lettuce she was preparing to eat last week. "I jumped away," said 39-year-old Yvonne Brechbuhler, who described the green critter as no bigger than the tip of her pinky finger. "I didn't know what it was. But once I realized it was a frog, I was OK," she said, and named the frog "Curious." The stage actress said she bought the lettuce at her local food co-op. She and her daughter, Orla, 7, fed it fruit flies they collected in a nearby garden. Afterward, they decided Curious would be happier at an animal facility specializing in reptiles and amphibians. The facility has put it up for adoption. (AP)

CRIME

Source of Change Shortage Neutralized

It took Vicki Armstrong of Shreveport, La., almost 19 years to save $550, which isn't impressive — except that she did it one penny at a time. Armstrong was planning to take her 55,000 pennies to the bank this week. She's been storing pennies in vases, bowls and the occasional shoebox; in 1993, she'd squirreled away 14,000. Armstrong resisted the temptation to cash them in and kept saving. Her co-workers and friends have chipped in over the years. "They all hand over pennies generously," she said. (AP)

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ENTRAPMENT

Mission: Seduce Big Bird

This dramatic evening gown, created by On Aura Tout Vu for Paris' Haute Couture shows this week, has been certified by experts to be the only item on the Earth that evokes both the boudoir of an 18th-century French prostitute AND "Sesame Street." The Smithsonian is in talks to acquire it for its permanent collection. (EXPRESS)

AWKWARD

Timmy Won't Get the Window Seat Again

The skies won't seem friendly to anyone taking off from Philadelphia International Airport if they notice what a Folsom, Pa., couple wrote on their house's roof. "[Expletive] U FAA," the message reads, though one letter is substituted with an underline. Homeowner Michael Hall and girlfriend Michaelene Buddy are angry that jets have been flying over their house since last month, when the Federal Aviation Administration altered departures heading out of Philadelphia. Hall says he has to wear earplugs to sleep. (AP)

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ARMAGEDDON ON HOLD: An asteroid at least 500 feet long known as 2007 TU24 will make a rare close pass by Earth next week, but there is no chance of an impact, scientists reported Thursday.

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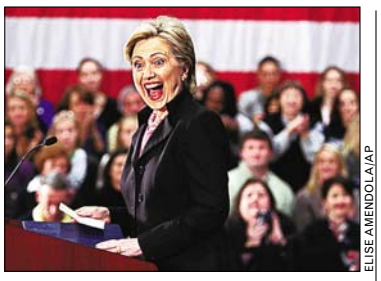

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Hillary Clinton reacts to a crowd member before a speech in Greenville, S.C.

Bill Clinton Defended By Hillary

GREENVILLE, S.C. | Hillary Rodham Clinton, defending her husband's increasingly vocal role in her presidential effort, sidestepped questions about whether Bill Clinton's suggestion that Barack Obama had put a "hit job" on him was language befitting a former president.

"We're in a very heated campaign, and people are coming out and saying all kinds of things," Hillary Clinton said in an interview. "I'm out there every day making a positive case for my candidacy. I have a lot of wonderful people, including my husband, who are out there making the case for me."

With two days before the South Carolina primary, the war of words between Bill Clinton and the Obama campaign continued to be a focus. At a stop near Columbia Thursday, a woman urged the former president to "stop taking the bait from Obama" and stick to the issues. Bill Clinton called it "pretty good advice." (AP)

CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

PRIMARY ISSUE: Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama campaigns during a town hall meeting in Kingstree, S.C. He is seeking his first primary win since Iowa.

Dems Push for Blacks' Vote in S.C.

Candidates also seek support of religious leaders before primary

COLUMBIA, S.C. | In South Carolina, a state where religion counts for Democrats, it's not unusual for community leaders to have two titles — the Rev. and Rep.

This intersection of church and state looms large as Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards push to turn out the vote for Saturday's primary. The candidates have lavished attention on black churches as well as the conventional get-out-the-vote efforts — saturating the state with political signs, working the black barbershops and beauty salons. Thousands of phone calls have gone out. Musicians, actors and other celebrities have made dozens of appearances to ignite voter interest.

Blacks make up an estimated 50 percent of the state's Democratic electorate, and black churches have been a major focus of the candidates.

"Can you imagine a country that just over 300 years ago had people of African-American descent in slavery now have a person of African descent as its leader?" said the Rev. Ralph Canty of Savannah Grove Baptist Church in Effingham, who has endorsed Obama. "Can you imagine the message that sends?"

WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

John Edwards won in S.C. in 2004.

The Rev. Terry Alexander, a pastor and state senator from Florence, supported Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988 but is backing Clinton this year. "I applaud Senator Obama for what he's doing," Alexander said. "At the same time, I'm looking at electability in November."

South Carolina Democratic Party Chairwoman Carol Fowler said she expects robust turnout Saturday to surpass the more-than 280,000 who voted in the 2004 primary won by Edwards, a South Carolina native who has been playing up his local roots this year. JIM DAVENPORT (AP)

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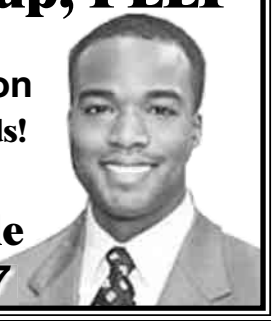

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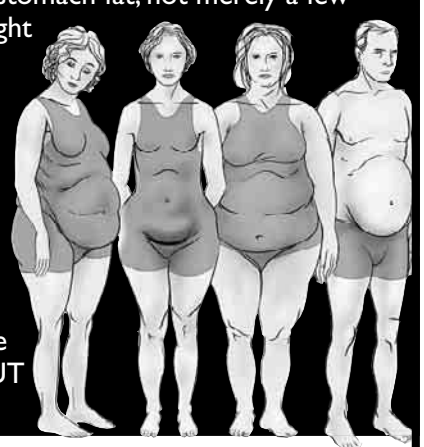

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Wiretap Bill Fails in Senate

Lawmakers side with White House by not upping court's power

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Thursday rejected an attempt to expand a secret court's oversight of government eavesdropping, sticking instead with a surveillance bill favored by the White House.

The bill, which failed 60-36, would have strengthened the oversight powers of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. It would have given the court the authority to monitor and enforce how the government protects the identities of Americans whose communications may be inadvertently collected.

The Senate is grappling with a bill written by the Senate Intelligence Committee to update the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The law, first enacted in 1978, dictates when federal agents must obtain court permission before tapping phone and computer lines inside the United States to gather intelligence on foreign threats. Agents may tap lines outside the country without court oversight.

This is the second time the Senate has taken up the FISA modernization bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., abruptly closed debate in December when it became clear the Senate couldn't finish work before the holiday break.

Also Thursday, the White House ended months of resistance and agreed to give House members access to secret documents about its warrantless wiretapping program. (AP)

NEW YORK | LEDGER REMEMBERED

GARY HE/AP

MEMORIAL: A passer-by takes a cellphone photo of a makeshift memorial for Heath Ledger outside Ledger's apartment Thursday. Funeral arrangements for the actor were finalized, and family members are set to arrive Friday.

Medicinal Marijuana Use Nixed

Calif. high court rules workers can be fired for taking prescription

SAN FRANCISCO | Employers can fire workers who use medical marijuana, even if it was legally recommended by a doctor, the California Supreme Court ruled Thursday, dealing the state another setback in its standoff with federal law enforcement.

The high court upheld a small Sacramento telecommunications company's firing of a man who flunked a company-ordered drug test. Gary Ross held a medical marijuana card authorizing him to use the drug to treat a back injury sustained while serving in the Air Force.

The company, Ragingwire Inc., argued that it rightfully fired Ross because all marijuana use is illegal under federal law, which does not recognize the medical marijuana laws in California and 11 other states.

The justices upheld that argument in a 5-2 decision.

"No state law could completely legalize marijuana for medical purposes, because the drug remains illegal under federal law," Justice Kathryn Werdegar wrote for the majority. (AP)

Kucinich Drops Bid for White House

CLEVELAND | Democrat Dennis Kucinich is abandoning his second, long shot bid for the White House as he faces a tough fight to hold onto his other job — U.S. congressman.

In an interview with Cleveland's Plain Dealer, the six-term House member said he was quitting the race and would make a formal announcement on Friday.

Kucinich, who has received little support in his presidential bid, is facing four challengers in the Democratic congressional primary March 4, and earlier this week he made an urgent appeal on his Web site for funds for his re-election. (AP)

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Rep. Dennis Kucinich will turn his focus to re-election of his seat in Ohio.

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ClearedJobs.Net A Valuable Resource for Transitioning Military

By Carol Sorgen

The transition between military life and civilian life can be challenging, both personally and professionally. For members of the military who are seeking employment in the civilian world, ClearedJobs.Net provides valuable resources.

Since it was founded in 2001, ClearedJobs.Net has served as a resource for both security cleared jobseekers and employers with security cleared positions and cleared facilities, both in the Washington metropolitan area and nationwide as well.

Jobseekers who already hold a security clearance, including military personnel, are able to take advantage of the suite of services offered at no charge by ClearedJobs.Net, including online resume posting; monthly job fairs held locally; seminars; newsletters; and career coaching.

Employers have the opportunity to post positions on the ClearedJobs.Net online job board, search the resume database with more than 75,000 current cleared jobseekers, and participate in job fairs; ClearedJobs.Net also offers employers brand building and advertising services.

Those who have served in the military are very desirable in the civilian workforce, says ClearedJobs.Net CMO Kathleen Smith. "They're dependable, adept at problem-solving, and show initiative," Smith says. "But they don't always realize that they have these skills. We help them recognize their assets and provide them with the resources to put them to good use."

Leaving the military life can be "a very challenging time," Smith adds. "It's difficult to go from a culture where your career path and living situations are completely directed by the military to one in which you have an open field of opportunities."

"In the military life," Smith continues, "the individual and his family are part of a strong, supportive community in which everyone takes care of each other. In the corporate world, however, that same sense of community and support may not be present."

ClearedJobs.Net offers "accessible, available, and supportive" services for those making the transition. The company has special insight into the needs of these individuals, says Smith. The company's founders are former military themselves and ClearedJobs.Net also employs specialists in military transitioning. ClearedJobs.Net also works with local groups such as AFCEA-NOVA to provide special career transitioning seminars for military and government personnel on a quarterly basis.

Through its regularly scheduled job fairs, ClearedJobs.Net offers seminars that focus on such issues as job researching, resume writing, and interviewing. Valuable tips are also found in the company's newsletter and on its website, www.ClearedJobs.Net.

ClearedJobs.Net offers transitioning military personnel both support and "the confidence to know that things will be OK," says Smith. But, she adds, "Moving forward can be bewildering as you look at the many different options. Transitioning to a civilian job is not unlike looking for your first job."

The types of positions currently being sought by civilian employers are "wide and varied," says Smith—from administrative assistants and drivers to scientists, project managers, IT specialists, intelligence analysts, and linguists.

The next ClearedJobs.Net Cleared Job Fair will be held Friday, January 25, from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in Crystal City. For more information, visit the company's website at www.ClearedJobs.net or call 703-871-0037

This special advertising section was written by Carol Sorgen, a freelance writer and editor, in conjunction with the advertising department of The Washington Post and did not involve the news or editorial departments of this newspaper.

World

ABOUT TO GET THE AXE: The days are numbered for Vienna's imperial "Sisi Palm" — a 170-year-old Chinese fan palm tree named for the late Empress Elisabeth. Officials said Thursday that it must be chopped down next month before it breaks through the top of Europe's largest greenhouse.

In Brief

BRASILIA, BRAZIL

Extra Police, Agents Will Protect Amazon Rain Forest

Brazil will combat rising deforestation in the Amazon by sending extra federal police and environmental agents to areas where illegal clearing of the rain forest jumped dramatically last year, officials said Thursday. Authorities will also monitor areas where deforestation occurred, in attempts to prevent anyone from trying to plant crops or raise cattle there, said Environment Minister Marina Silva. (AP)

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Iraqi Police Chief Killed After Inspecting Blast Site

A suicide bomber killed an Iraqi police chief and two other officers Thursday as they surveyed the site of the wreckage of a blast a day earlier that devastated a predominantly Sunni neighborhood in Mosul. Brig. Gen. Salah Mohammed al-Jubouri, the police chief for surrounding Ninevah province, was killed as he left the blast site after being confronted by a crowd shouting "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great." (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

9 Afghan Police Reportedly Killed by U.S.-Led Troops

Hundreds of Afghans chanted anti-American slogans to protest the deaths of nine policemen who local officials said were killed Thursday in an anti-Taliban operation by U.S.-led coalition troops. The coalition denied killing the policemen. A spokesman said four insurgents were killed and nine were detained in the mission in central Afghanistan. (AP)

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

Police Chief: Spies Tracked Politicans and Journalists

Bolivia's national police commander said Thursday that his own department's intelligence service had spied on politicians and journalists without his knowledge, and accused a subordinate of directing the work. The announcement was prompted by materials sent anonymously to several Bolivian media groups this week, which appeared to document efforts to follow politicians and a television reporter. (AP)

Italy's Prodi Resigns Post

Prime Minister's party loses Senate confidence vote after fiery debate

ROME | Italian Premier Romano Prodi resigned Thursday after his center-left coalition lost a Senate confidence vote, a humiliating end to a 20-month-old government plagued by infighting.

Calling early elections or asking a politician to try to form another government are among President Giorgio Napolitano's options as head of state. Until he decides, Prodi will stay on in a caretaker role.

Elected in April 2006, Prodi has had a shaky government from nearly the start. It lurched toward collapse this week after a small Christian Democrat party, whose votes were vital to his Senate majority, yanked its support in the latest coalition spat.

ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi rests his eyes before a Senate vote.

Prodi, a 68-year-old former economics professor, went into the vote with the numbers stacked against him after a few additional senators in his coalition parties said they would cast "no" votes.

The government lost 161-156 after a fiery debate during which one senator was spat upon, fainted and had to be carried out on a stretcher.

Former Premier Silvio Berlusconi, the billionaire media magnate who lost to Prodi in 2006, said Napolitano should call early elections, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The presidential palace said Napolitano would start consulting with political leaders Friday on what to do next. FRANCES D'EMILIO (AP)

LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/AP

An Egyptian border guard, right, tries to control Gazans as they cross into Egypt in Rafah, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. Egyptians warned that the freedom to travel between Gaza and Egypt would soon end, but made few real efforts to restrict Gazans.

Egypt Tightens Control at Gaza Wall

Throngs of Gazans cross loosely guarded border for a 2nd day

RAFAH, GAZA STRIP | Egyptian border guards wielding clubs and electric prods directed throngs of Palestinians as they crossed into Egypt for a second day Thursday, but made little attempt to block the flow from Gaza.

Still, Egyptian officials warned that the Gazans' brief bliss of freedom, shopping and visiting relatives will soon come to an end with the resealing of the border.

For the second day in a row, scenes of frenzy, chaos and joy played out at the Gaza-Egypt border. Guards channeled crowds through a handful of openings, where Palestinians pushed and jostled their way into Egypt, braving a gauntlet of cows, camels, fertilizer, food and truckloads of cement.

In what looked like a first step toward restoring a border, Egyptian security forces turned back Palestinians who attempted to travel deeper into Egypt — though they did nothing to stem the flow of Egyptian goods making their way to the frontier region.

The border issue turned into a verbal spat between Egypt and Israel when Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Matan Vilnai said Israel gradually wants to relinquish responsibility for Gaza, now that the territory's border with Egypt has been blown open. STEVEN GUTKIN (AP)

RICCARDO GANGALE/AP

Kofi Annan claps as Mwai Kibaki, center, shakes hands with Raila Odinga.

Kenyan Foes Meet For Talks

Annan mediates the discussion between Kibaki and Odinga

NAIROBI | Kenya's president and his chief rival held talks Thursday for the first time since last month's disputed election, under international pressure to find a way to share power. But the president angered the opposition by insisting his position as head of state was not negotiable.

President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga met for about an hour in the presence of former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who succeeded where other mediators failed in getting the men to sit down together.

After the meeting, Kibaki and Odinga walked out of the downtown presidential offices, shook hands and smiled.

"I will personally lead our country in promoting unity, tolerance, peace and harmony among Kenyans," Kibaki told reporters. TOM MALITI (AP)

HEARSAY | POLITICS

"To link the Darfur issue to the Olympics is ... inconsistent with the Olympics' spirit and will bear no fruit."

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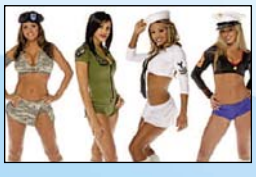

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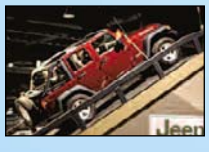

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Making sure jobs are good jobs is the best way to address Washington's staggering poverty rate and ensure a brighter future for all.

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World

YouTube Prompts Global Dialogue

World leaders record, post videos online from economic forum

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND | The idea was simple: Job training centers should be as ubiquitous as gas stations, a man called Freesouljah said in a video on YouTube's Davos Question channel.

Seeing "gas stations on almost every corner," the Las Vegas resident decided to suggest that World Economic Forum participants see children as the world's "greatest natural resource." Nations should invest in kids and shift their focus away from commodities, he said in the video.

Indeed, replied U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

"The most important thing we can do in 2008, and every other year, is to make sure we invest in our children; really, we invest in all human beings," she said in a video response she recorded at the forum.

Off the main room in the sprawling Congress Center is a bank of computers, each with a Web cam, where forum participants are adding to a "global dialogue" that World Economic Forum spokesman Matthias Leufkens said launched in December.

MICHEL EULER/AP

U2's Bono, right, watches a YouTube video at the World Economic Forum.

The conversation began with just one simple question: "What key action do you think countries, companies or individuals should take to make the world a better place in 2008?"

Interest has been strong, with more than 1 million hits registered on the YouTube site and hundreds of video replies. And as forum attendees — CEOs, academics and even astronauts — walk by, they are stopping to record quick messages or reply to questions left on the Web site.

Besides Spellings, participants include U2 singer Bono, Henry Kissinger and Rajendra Pachauri, the chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

MATT MOORE (AP)

BAGHDAD | EMBLEMATIC CHANGES

KARIM KADIM/AP

FLAG FIX: Men create new Iraqi flags on Thursday. Iraq's parliament passed a law Tuesday to create a temporary flag, without three stars, and with a new font for the Arabic words "Allahu Akbar," or "God Is Great."

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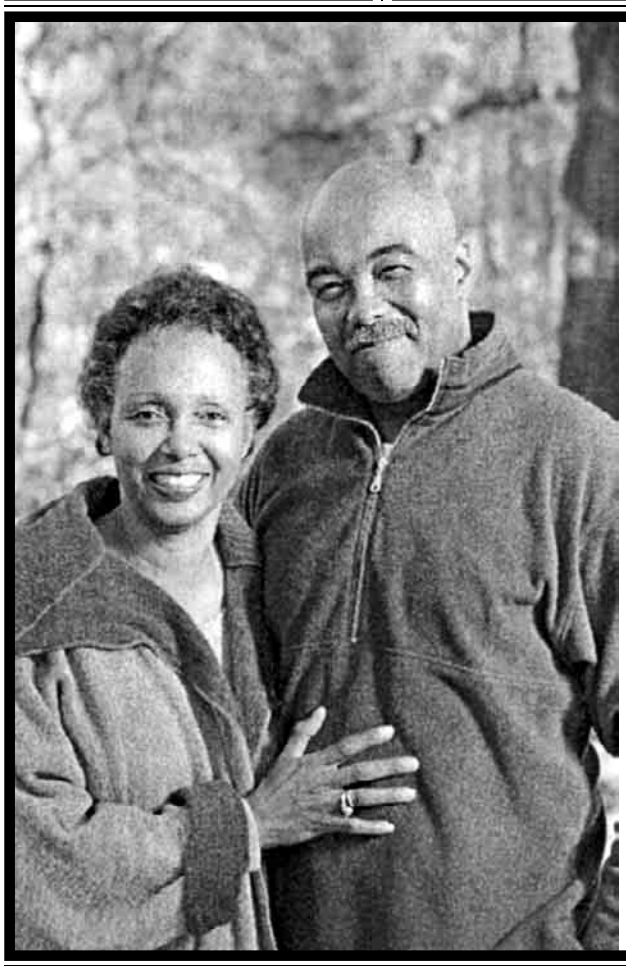

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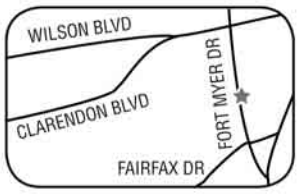

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Money

WAY OF THE 8-TRACK: Record companies' revenue from digital music sales rose 40 percent to $2.9 billion over the past year, but the growth is still failing to cover losses from the collapse of international CD sales, the music industry's global trade body said Thursday.

Trader's Fraud Costs Bank $7.1B

Accused Frenchman nets no personal gain in largest such scheme

PARIS | In what appears to be the largest trading fraud ever carried out by a single person, a futures trader at French bank Societe Generale is accused of making unauthorized transactions that cost the bank $7.14 billion after a bad bet that markets would rise.

Kerviel

The discovery, made as markets began to plunge, places the young Frenchman at the pinnacle of the rogue trader pantheon in a case with an intriguing wrinkle: The bank, France's second-largest, said he appears to have netted no personal gain from the scheme.

Undetected by the bank's multilayered security systems, Jerome Kerviel, a 31-year-old junior trader, had for more than a year been fraudulently using the company's funds to bet on European stock markets, Societe Generale said.

The bank said it learned of the fraud last weekend. The timing could not have been worse: Money markets suffered their blackest day since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on Monday, meaning Societe Generale was forced to sell the contracts built up by the rogue trader just as stocks were plunging. It took the bank three days to unload them. EMMA VANDORE (AP)

SPENDING MONEY

What the $7.18 billion could be used to buy:

- 110 F-35 fighter jets
- 8 Queen Mary 2 cruise liners
- 2 Freedom Towers at Ground Zero
- 17 million iPhones

Ford Set to Offer Buyouts to 54,000

DEARBORN, MICH. | Ford Motor Co. will offer buyout and early retirement packages to 54,000 U.S. hourly workers in an effort to cut costs and replace those leaving with lower-paid workers. Thursday's announcement came as Ford said it narrowed its losses in 2007 but warned that the outlook for U.S. sales in 2008 remains grim.

Ford also said it will trim salaried staff, mostly through attrition but possibly through layoffs, as it tries to adjust to a slumping market. Ford said its U.S. market share will be at the low end of a 14 to 15 percent range in 2008, down from 14.8 percent in 2007 and 26 percent a decade ago. Ford fell behind Toyota in U.S. sales last year, ceding its 75-year position as the nation's No. 2 auto seller behind General Motors. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Indymac	5.43	+1.07	+24.5
Cenveo	15.55	+2.79	+21.9
LSI Corp	4.85	+.84	+20.9
ITT Ed	86.62	+14.08	+19.4
AvisBudget	11.65	+1.62	+16.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SecCapAs	2.63	-1.16	-30.6
Flotek s	17.86	-7.60	-29.9
AmbacF	11.33	-2.37	-17.3
Wellcare If	42.25	-8.69	-17.1
Deluxe	22.56	-3.62	-13.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MiddleBrk	2.99	+1.74	+139.2
Carmike	5.95	+1.75	+41.7
NVE Corp	27.45	+7.19	+35.5
Ampex	2.26	+.53	+30.6
Iomai	.90	+.03	+3.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MrcCmp	8.84	-4.24	-32.4
IndepFedl	4.52	-1.58	-25.9
THQ	19.50	-5.60	-22.3
AlabAircft	3.36	-.87	-20.6
CmclNat	15.55	-3.75	-19.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5065	.5121	.5083
Canadian Dollar	1.0079	1.0300	1.1790
European Euro	.6775	.6853	.7716
Japanese Yen	106.79	105.75	120.95
Mexican Peso	10.9008	10.9426	10.9385
Taiwanese Dollar	32.31	32.41	32.87

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+108.44	+44.51	+13.47
+0.88	+1.92	+1.01
12378.61	2360.92	1352.07

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	57.06	-.91	+1.6
Allergan s	64.12	-.89	-.2
AstraZen	43.87	+.55	+2.5
BarrPhm	52.15	-1.11	-1.8
BrMySq	23.35	+.76	-10.9
Cephln	69.13	+.66	-3.7
ForestLab	39.82	+.79	+9.2
Hospira	40.64	-.10	-4.7
JohnJn	63.51	-.69	-4.8
LillyEli	51.32	-.86	-3.9
Merck	49.56	-.75	-14.7
Pfize	23.05	+.19	+1.4
SchergPl	20.17	+.58	-24.3
WarnerChil	16.71	-.16	-5.8
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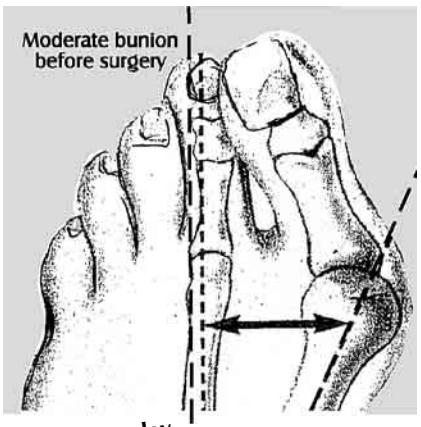

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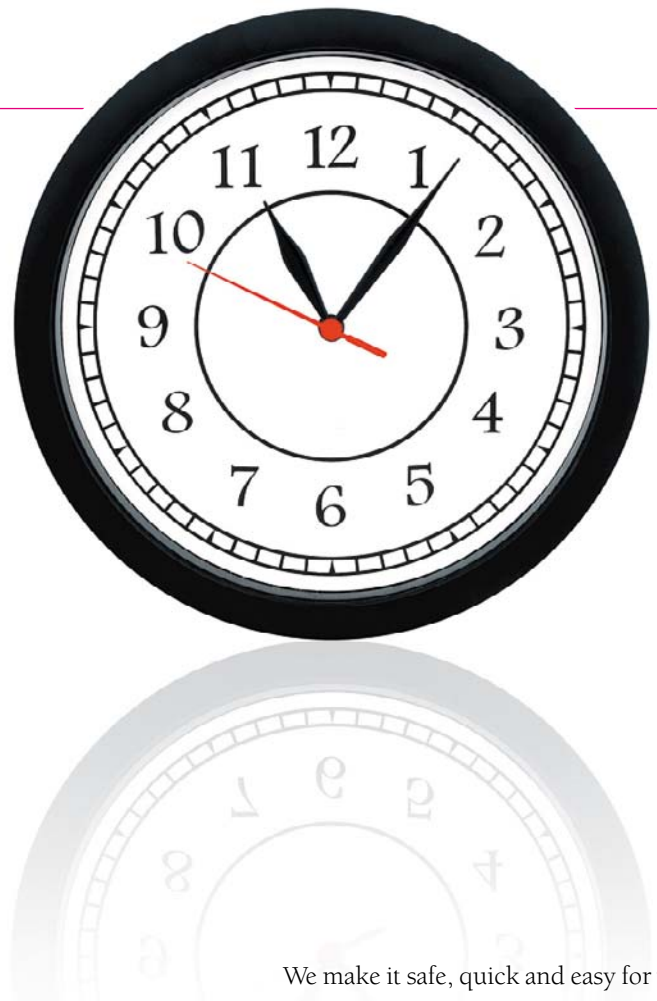

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FTA Balks at Dulles Rail

Officials concerned about infrastructural viability of overall plan

MCLEAN, VA. | A $5 billion plan to extend the Washington region's Metrorail system to Dulles International Airport — a decade in the making and until recently perceived as a done deal — was in tatters Thursday after federal officials outlined a host of concerns about the project's viability.

Federal Transit Administrator James S. Simpson said at a press conference that he would give the state a final opportunity to address his agency's concerns, but that currently the plan falls well short federal standards for being cost-effective. The project cannot move forward without a $900 million contribution from the feds.

"The sheer number and magnitude of the current project's technical, financial and institutional risks and uncertainties are unprecedented" for a project of this sort, Simpson wrote in a letter to Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine Thursday that followed a Capitol Hill meeting on the project between Simpson, Kaine, and much of Virginia's congressional delegation.

Simpson

Simpson said that backers of the proposed 23-mile extension of the Metrorail system resorted to budget gimmickry to cut the cost of the first phase from $2.8 billion to $2.5 billion. That leg would run from Falls Church, through the busy Tysons Corner section of Fairfax County, to Reston.

"The project is a D or an F depending on which day you look at it," Simpson said, comparing the analysis of the project's cost efficiency to a school grade.

He also questioned the wisdom of a major expansion of the Metrorail system when Metro's infrastructure is in disrepair and the transit agency lacks a dedicated funding stream. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Stunned Commonwealth

➜ Dulles rail project backers felt blindsided by Thursday's arguments, accusing the FTA's Simpson of unfairly raising new concerns at the eleventh hour. | **A1**

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IN The Washington Post | D.C.-AREA HOMELESS COUNT

JAHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

LAST RESORT: Several men share a camp in a wooded area in Prince William County, Va. Shelter providers were busy Thursday conducting the eight annual count of the Washington region's homeless men, women and children.

✣ **Tough break:** Housing downturn puts families on the street | **Today's Metro**

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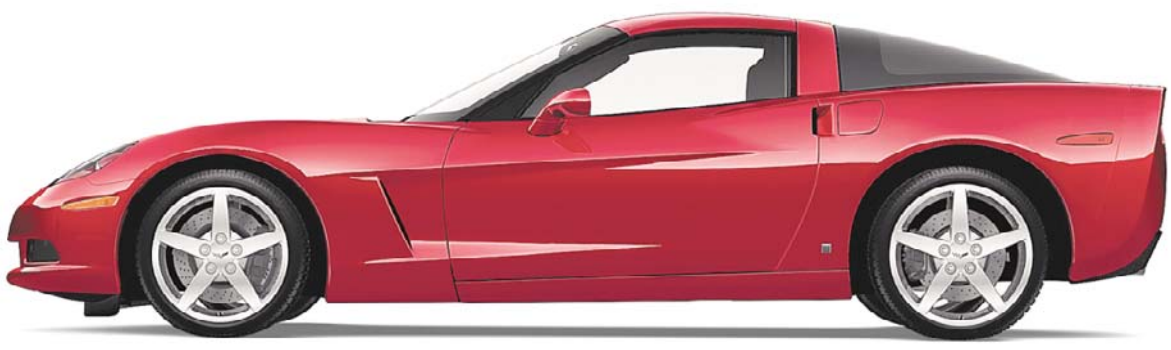

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Md. Marriage Laws Tested

Despite low support, same-sex marriage advocates push bill

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Despite signals a gay-marriage bill is unlikely to succeed this year, advocates and some lawmakers plan to start work in the coming days to change the minds of lawmakers hesitant to take up the question.

Bills proposing to undo current Maryland law stating that only men and women can marry were due for introduction Friday, and supporters of the plans say they're ramping up efforts to persuade lawmakers to consider them.

"We can't be afraid because there's nothing to be afraid of," said Delegate Victor Ramirez, D-Prince George's, a sponsor of one of the bills.The legislation would abolish Maryland's gender restrictions on marriage, allowing gays to marry.

Ramirez

But it would also include language clarifying that no religious leaders would be required to perform or even recognize same-sex unions.

"What we have is people in a committed relationship who want to be together, and with it comes responsibility and certain rights, and those rights should be available to everybody," Ramirez said.

But legislative leaders and the governor's office have signaled no intention of promoting a same-sex union measure this term.

It's the first general legislative session since Maryland's highest court ruled last year that gay marriage is a question for lawmakers, not the courts. But legislators say there's not enough appetite to consider changing current law.

"There's probably not a desire to take it up until some kind of consensus develops on what to do, and I don't see it happening," said Senate Democratic Leader Edward Kasemeyer.

KRISTEN WYATT (AP)

BRISTOL, VA. | CREWS CLEAN UP CHEMICAL TRUCK CRASH

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ACID BURN: Workers with HEPACO Inc. work on setting up a transfer pump to empty the sulfuric acid from the wrecked tanker truck, right, to a waiting tanker, left, while snow fell Thursday on I-91 in Bristol, Va. The truck was involved in an accident Wednesday with another truck, which closed the northbound and southbound lanes.

The Lotteries

Thursday, Jan. 24

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	7-1-9
Mid-day DC 4	0-2-3-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-3-6-0
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	6-9-14-20-21
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-5-20-27-31-37 Bonus: 8
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-4-13-25-29 (16)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	8-1-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-9-6
Mid-day Pick 4	6-4-3-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-7-0-6
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-9-17-19-27 Bonus: 24
Lotto (Wed.)	12-14-26-32-34-35

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	7-4-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-7-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	2-4-6-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-6-6-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	4-9-10-17-18
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	4-9-26-33-34
Win for Life (Wed.)	1-16-21-24-35-37

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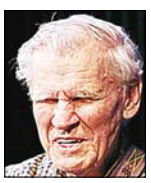

A look at legendary bluegrass guitarist Doc Watson is still touring as his 85th birthday approaches. **STYLE & ARTS**

Man of Mystery

A biography offers new insights into the private life of Arthur Conan Doyle, the man who gave the world Sherlock Holmes. **BOOK WORLD**

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Pat Rummerfield overcame paralysis to both walk and run again. Is his case hope for others, or just a medical curiosity? **THE MAGAZINE**

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Amber Tamblyn portrays a young woman haunted by a tragic memory in CBS' "The Russell Girl." We talk to Tamblyn about the film. **TV WEEK**

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READY, SET, COOK: Lebanese food is prepared during a cooking class offered by the family that owns Lebanese Taverna.

Learning Verve

A reporter digests Lebanese cooking in self-improvement plan

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | A couple of years ago, I resolved to become an expert card-thrower like Ricky Jay, the guy who can flick an ace of spades into the rind of a watermelon. I bought, at some ridiculous price, his "Cards as Weapons" book on eBay and tried to teach myself using his glib, amusing instructions. After a few weeks of practicing, progress was minimal and my attention faltered. So, I moved on to mastering backgammon.

The point: I'm an aspiring jack-of-all-trades. I'm always scrambling to acquire skills in short order. At no time is this compulsion as great as at the start of a new year. Alas, by now the luster has worn off, as has the accompanying ambition. It's business as usual. The blandness of routine blots out the horizon.

To push myself beyond this torpor, I decided to try four teaching tools for four skills. As 2007 gave way to 2008, I vowed to learn — or begin learning — how to knit, tile, cook Lebanese food and play the guitar. The common denominator? The lessons had to be delivered speedily: either in an hour or two, or a weekend, at the most.

Here's how one of those projects fared.

My Own Lebanese Tavern

It's a trend for restaurants to offer cooking classes in their kitchens, but Lebanese Taverna has been doing it for nearly a decade. Public and private classes are held weekly at the franchise's market location in Arlington. They're more than a seminar on

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One of the dishes prepared in the cooking class is the classic dessert baklava.

Lebanese cooking, though. They're a social event for rookies.

"We get more of the non-cooks than the serious cooks," says Grace Abi-Najm Shea, vice president of Lebanese Taverna and the youngest of the five children in the Abi-Najm family. "They like the food and they know it's a fun time. It's more of an evening out."

The $60-per-person fee includes wine, appetizers, the class and, of course, the meal. In effect, you're not only paying for a multi-course meal but also the secrets behind its creation. Public classes are held in the evenings once per week for up to 12 people; private classes can also be scheduled during the day. Law firms send their summer interns for a lesson, for example. Bachelorette parties roll in, slug wine and dive into their spice education, and companies book classes to team-build or celebrate an occasion.

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Learn how to book a cooking class at Lebanese Taverna, and find out how Dan Zak fared at knitting, laying tile and becoming the next Jack White.

IN The Washington Post

I joined such a company to experience the two-hour class. The five employees of student loan group Goal Financial in Alexandria decided to take the class rather than go out to lunch for the holidays. On their menu? Shrimp arak, fatteh bel djaje, moudardara and baklava.

"Now, would you rather stand around and make chitchat at a Christmas a party ... ," begins Goal Financial employee Richard Taylor of Great Falls.

" ... Or would you rather make fatteh bel djaje?" finishes Dawn Leijon of Washington, as her colleagues start pouring wine.

The class is taught by Abdul Niori, the chef de cuisine at Lebanese Taverna's Woodley Park location. We watch him flit between burners and trays, preparing multiple dishes at once as we comment on the progress. Everyone is assigned to chop and peel, but Niori does the heavy lifting. It's more like watching a cooking show than actually collaborating on a meal.

"We really didn't interact much," Leijon says afterward. "It was mostly demonstration. But the fact we got out of our comfort zone and tried something new and now know how it's made, that was a big benefit."

And it's a good meal, too. Participants take home recipes of the dishes and get 15 percent off groceries in the market after the class.

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TERPS HOOPS
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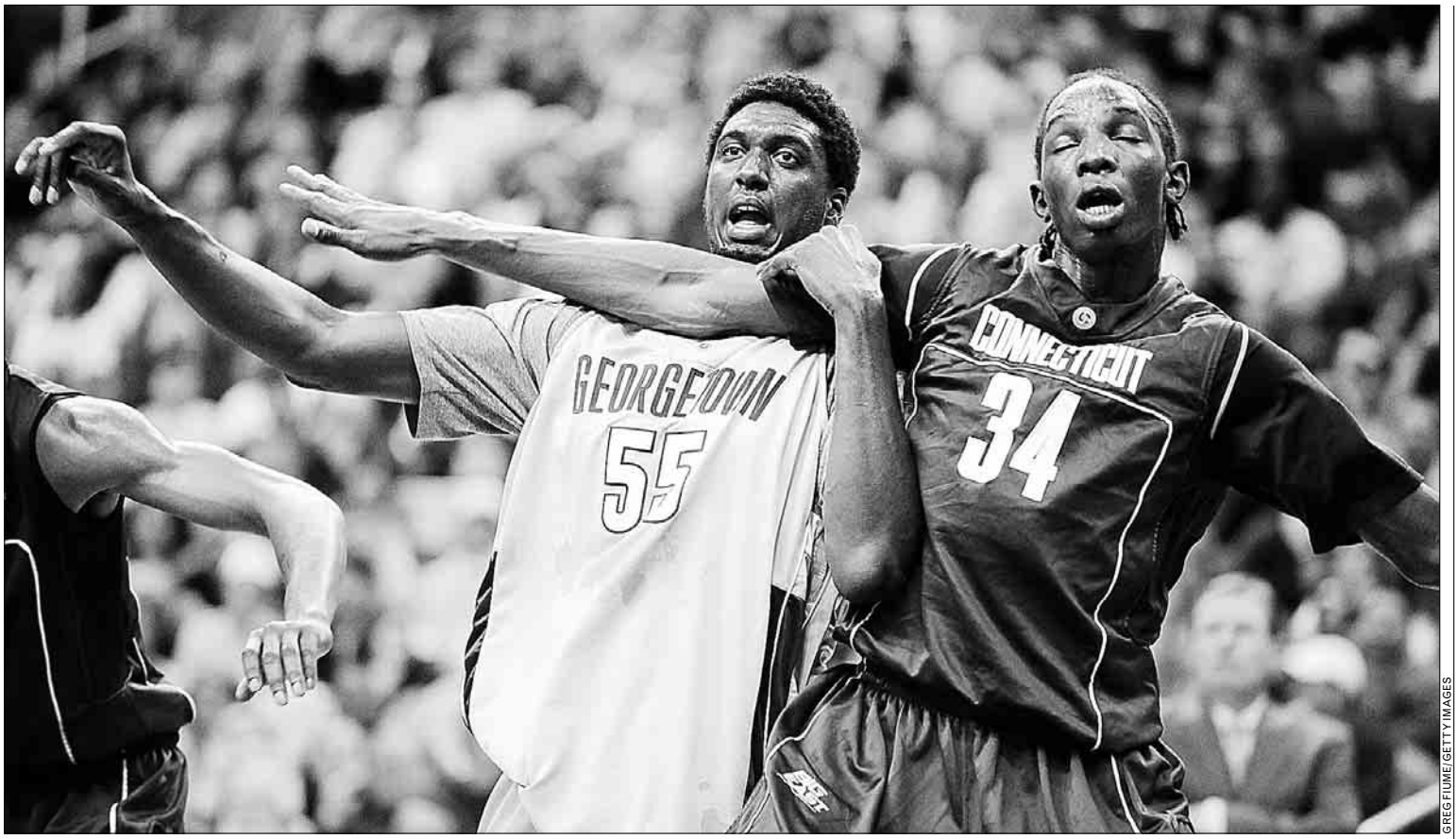

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Georgetown's 7-foot-2 center, Roy Hibbert, left, has always been a force in the paint. But he has shown a bit of a mean streak this season and has played more aggressively.

Cruel Intentions

Hibbert's new attitude leads to dominating on-court performance

HOYAS HOOPS | When Roy Hibbert first arrived at Georgetown, former Hoyas coach John Thompson Jr. referred to the 7-foot-2 center as "the big stiff."

No one would level such criticism now about the preseason All-American, though some may have thought of Hibbert as a gentle giant entering this season. It seems the senior is shedding another level in his final tour around the Big East.

"He has become a crueler competitor," said Notre Dame coach Mike Brey after Saturday's 84-65 win over the Fighting Irish. "Roy has learned to play harder, more aggressively."

Brey saw firsthand a rougher Hibbert. Notre Dame sophomore Luke Harangody first was called for a foul in a feign attempt to guard the Hoyas' biggest star. To add injury to insult, Hibbert's elbow connected with the opposing forward's face seconds later.

While the elbow was surely an accident, Hibbert's new attitude is certainly not. The player filling the same paint that Patrick Ewing Sr., Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutombo so famously did has fully grown into the school's next great big man. Not only does that mean Hibbert can score — he's averaging 13.2 points per game with an impressive .590 field goal percentage — but it also means he can control the game on defense.

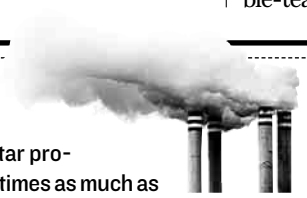
"Obviously, Georgetown is known as a tough team," said Hibbert, whose first-place Hoyas (15-2, 5-1) face Bob Huggins' Mountaineers (15-4, 4-2) in a key road game Saturday. "I have to be at the forefront of that."

He leads the team in points, rebounds, shots taken and 3-point percentage (two for two). Hibbert is also third in assists, as he has learned to punish opponents who dare double-team him. Against Notre Dame, he dished out five assists to go along with his 21 points in a dominating performance.

"He does a pretty good job knowing when is his turn and when to help teammates," said Georgetown coach John Thompson III of Hibbert, who added 15 points in an overtime win Monday night against heated rival Syracuse.

It's all part of Hibbert's new killer instinct as he further distances himself from "the big stiff" of four years ago. There is one bright spot for Georgetown's foes: They won't see him after this season

Brey summed it up best: "I'm glad he is a senior." MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



EMISSIONS | Becks vs. Gore David Beckham is Al Gore's worst enemy. According to the British environmental group Carbon Trust, the L.A. Galaxy soccer star produces 163 tons of carbon dioxide yearly. That is nearly 20 times as much as the 9.4 tons the average Englishman is responsible for and could be the largest carbon footprint in human history, the group said. The worldwide celebrity, who was in Sierra Leone this week as a UNICEF ambassador, flew more than 250,000 miles last year for soccer. (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

CLIVE ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga will get his first shot at a major title on Sunday in Australia.

friday

3 P.M. The Australian Open men's semifinal is replayed Friday afternoon. ESPN2
7 P.M. After losing by 36, the Wizards come home to take on Memphis. CSN
9:30 P.M. The women's championship match of the Australian Open pits Maria Sharapova against Ana Ivanovic. ESPN2

saturday

12 P.M. Can Memphis remain undefeated when Gonzaga comes to town? ESPN
1 P.M. The No. 4 Maryland women travel to Chapel Hill to play No. 3 UNC. FOX
7 P.M. The Hoyas are at West Virginia to face Bob Huggins' squad. ESPN

sunday

3:30 A.M. In Australia, the men's championship match will be just after the bars close in D.C. ESPN2
1 P.M. The Celtics and Magic are the first- and third-best teams in the East. They meet at Orlando. ABC
2 P.M. The Winter X Games are on TV all weekend. ESPN
6 P.M. The Wizards battle Milwaukee, the fourth-worst team in the Eastern Conference. CSN+
6 P.M. Alex Ovechkin, the league's leading goal-scorer, is the only player representing the Capitals in the NHL All-Star Game. VERSUS
6:30 P.M. Maryland takes on Duke at home after defeating No. 1 UNC. FSN
7 P.M. Figure skating is on all weekend. The men take to the ice for the U.S. Championship short and free skate on Sunday. NBC

Career Season in Sight

Mason's playing time has doubled this year with Wizards' injuries

WIZARDS | Roger Mason is the face of the modern NBA.

He may not have the stroke of Ray Allen or the speed of Chris Paul, what Mason does have is experience playing for three NBA teams, experience overcoming a significant injury and time spent polishing his game in Europe.

The only thing missing from his resume is a nice contract.

Mason — the Good Counsel (Md.) High School alum who averaged just eight minutes and 2.7 points per game last season — is taking advantage of opportunities of teammates' injuries to put together a career season.

"He works at his game. He's got a serious approach to his job. To have a guy like that ... is a luxury to us," Wizards head coach Eddie Jordan said.

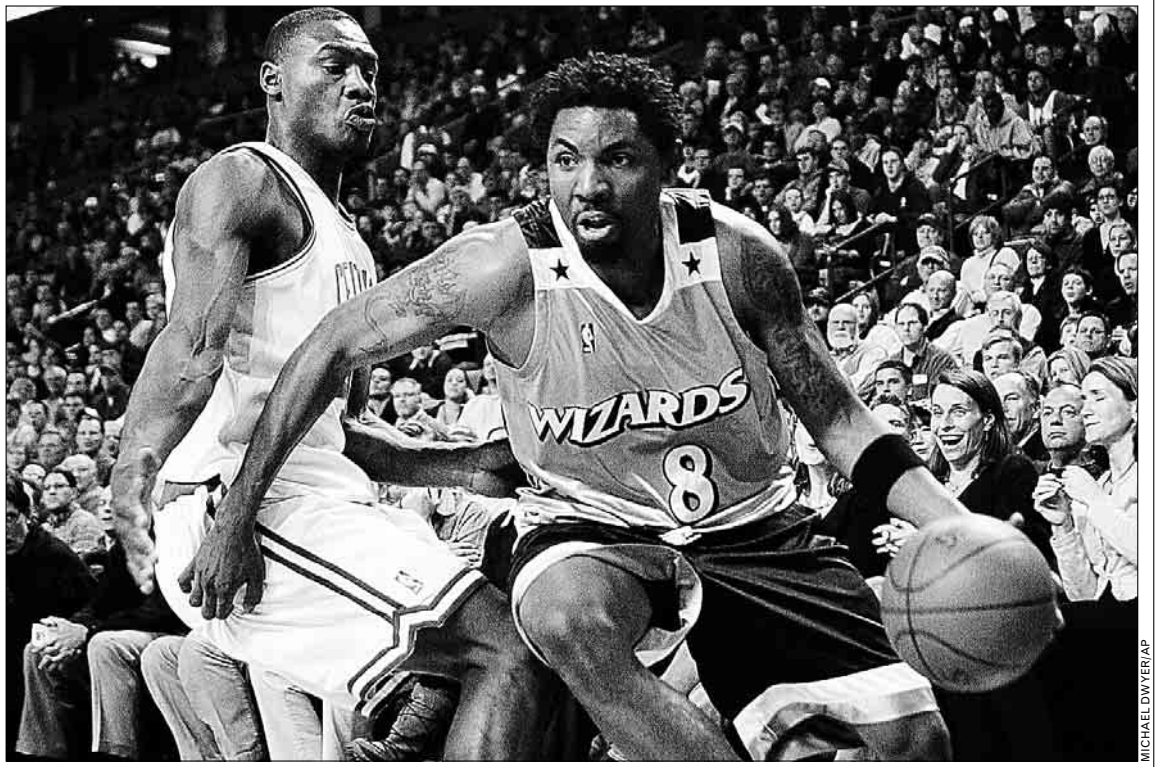
Despite playing sparingly as a third-string guard last season, Mason caught the attention of the NBA-champion San Antonio Spurs. Mason says the Spurs offered him a three-year guaranteed deal, reportedly worth a little more than $1 million per season. After some consideration, he decided he wanted to stay close to home, taking a one-year deal with Washington for less money.

"[There was] something about being home and being with the same team, with Eddie Jordan's coaching staff and the guys from the previous year [that] sounded good, and I'm real happy with the decision," he said.

Mason's playing time doubled after Gilbert Arenas re-aggravated his knee injury in November. He's now averaging 7.3 points and a shade less than 19 minutes per game as a member of the second unit. When he starts, those numbers are even better: 15.2 points and three assists per game while shooting 36 percent from beyond the arc.

Mason credits playing in Israel and Greece with allowing him to grow his confidence. Barring a stunning reversal of fortune, it appears the guard's hard work will pay off in a nice new contract at season's end.

"I didn't think I'd be playing this much, but I knew I'd been working hard this summer and I had a chance to play minutes," Mason said. "That definitely factored into my decision [to stay in Washington]." ERIC BRANDNER



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Thanks to increased minutes that came as a result of Gilbert Arenas' injury, Roger Mason is averaging 7.3 points per game.

CLIPPED IN CLEVELAND

Mason may be playing his best basketball, but he couldn't help the Wizards on Wednesday.

➜ Washington looked lost in a 36-point defeat at Cleveland. Coming off the bench, Mason was second on the team with 10 points, but he added just one rebound and one assist. The Wizards have a chance to rebound this weekend against the bottom of the barrel against Memphis on Friday and at Milwaukee on Sunday.

Back to Bite Them?

➜ When the Wizards traded Juan Carlos Navarro, they knew they were getting rid of a good scorer. But was it a trade that helped both squads? | **Today's Post, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

D.C. United Re-Signs Team Captain Moreno

Rumors of the team's signing Argentine vet Gallardo also intensify

UNITED | D.C. United ensured its captain and most accomplished player likely will finish his career in Washington on Thursday, while reports that the club is on the verge of the most significant signing in its history gained momentum.

Jaime Moreno, who last season became MLS's all-time leading goal scorer and who has won 11 major trophies with United, inked a two-year deal and ended months of speculation about his future. The club confirmed that Moreno, 34, took a salary cut in order to have the second year guaranteed. He made $275,000 last year and had seven goals and six assists in league play.

Meanwhile, rumors of Christian Gomez's departure and the possible arrival of Argentine World Cup veteran Marcelo Gallardo are intensifying. While United won't comment, Gallardo, 32, reportedly has told a radio station in Argentina that he's on his way. He said he consulted with former River Plate teammate and current New York Red Bull Juan Pablo Angel. BRIAN STRAUS

Moreno

Guesses Overwhelm Coach Search

Redskins could wait decide on hire until after the Super Bowl

REDSKINS | On Monday, the world at large wasn't even aware that Jim Fassel was a candidate for the Washington Redskins coaching job.

By Wednesday, there were fan Web sites calling for him to be fired from the Redskins — and for Dan Snyder's ouster, too. Of course, that would be hard to do. The former Giants coach is still just a contender, and Snyder owns the team.

With Snyder keeping his selection process well under wraps, rampant speculation has overwhelmed facts in the two-plus weeks since Joe Gibbs stepped down as Redskins coach. The organization hasn't announced the names of any candidates or made any public statements about the search.

"I'm in the dark like everybody else is," said long snapper Ethan Albright, who was chosen Thursday for the Pro Bowl. "Obviously everyone wants to know what's going to happen, and 'Am I part of the plans for next year?' It's unsettling, I guess."

Suspense will only grow.

A person familiar with the selection process, speaking on condition of anonymity because of its secretive nature, told The Associated Press on Thursday, "There likely are candidates yet to be interviewed."

The person said New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo and possibly New England offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels are on Snyder's radar.

The person also said Snyder might not wait until the Super Bowl to make a hire, that Fassel remains a strong contender and Redskins assistant Gregg Williams has not been ruled out. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

JOHN G MABANGLO/AP

Jim Fassel is still a leading candidate, but the Redskins' search is not over.

Another Shot for Arizona

Southwestern state has had a bad history of hosting the Super Bowl

SUPER BOWL | The imposing shadow of Martin Luther King Jr. shades the history of the Super Bowl in Arizona.

Voters' refusal to establish a state holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader cost Arizona the 1993 game, and the warm-weather city has only played host once since.

In November 1990, the measure to establish a holiday was rejected, despite polls that had showed it would pass easily. So, NFL owners, under the recommendation of commissioner Paul Tagliabue, moved the game to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

"Many of our players regard Martin Luther King as a role model," Tagliabue said three days after the Arizona vote. "We're encouraging them to be role models, and I think it would be unfair to ask them to go play their championship game in that state."

Only when a 1992 election reversed the state's stand did the league decide to stage Super Bowl XXX at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe in 1996.

When the game finally came to Arizona, it featured the Dallas Cowboys, who were favored to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers. They did with a final of 27-17.

A crowd of 76,347 packed the metal bleachers on the Arizona State campus, and from the start it was apparent the stadium was not up to Super Bowl standards.

There were too few suites, overcrowded restrooms and not enough parking. Many of the media members had to watch the game on television from outside the stadium.

The game brought $305.8 million to the Arizona economy, according to a state study, but just about everyone knew that it would be a while before the Super Bowl came back to the desert.

A dozen years later, in a state-of-the-art colossus in Phoenix's western suburbs, the game is back.

BOB BAUM (AP)

ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Super Bowl XXX, which featured the Cowboys' beating the Steelers, was not the success Arizona was hoping it would be.

"If the Redskins go outside their organization to hire a new coach, then ... what Gibbs assembled in four years, what he thought he was on the verge of accomplishing, will inevitably be torn down."

Thomas Boswell says the Redskins must grasp the impact of not hiring Gregg Williams. | Today, Sports

IN The Washington Post

Belichick Plays Coy On Brady

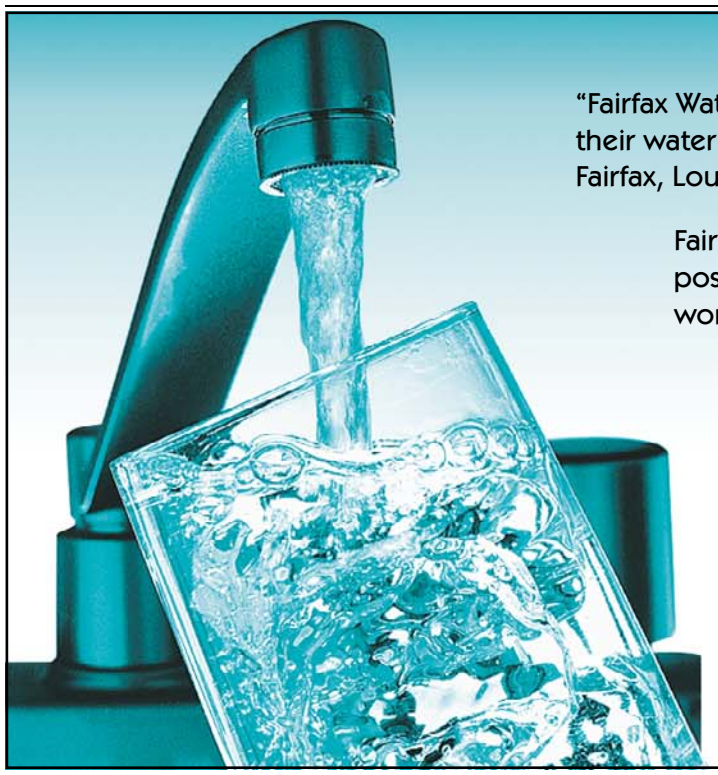
Coach remains quiet on Brady's health week before the Super Bowl

SUPER BOWL | New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick stayed true to form Thursday, refusing to discuss Tom Brady's health a few days after the quarterback was photographed limping in New York with a cast on his right foot.

Brady did not show up during the first 15 minutes of practice, when reporters are allowed to observe, and it was not immediately known whether he would play after the session was closed to the media. Brady also wasn't seen in the locker room before practice during the 45 minutes it was open to the media.

"The injury report will be out next Wednesday, and we're excited to get that to you," Belichick said to laughter from reporters, "filled out completely, and I can't wait to get that to you because I know you're anxious for it."

Brady was seen earlier this week in New York walking without a cast. He reportedly has a mild-high ankle sprain. HOWARD ULMAN (AP)



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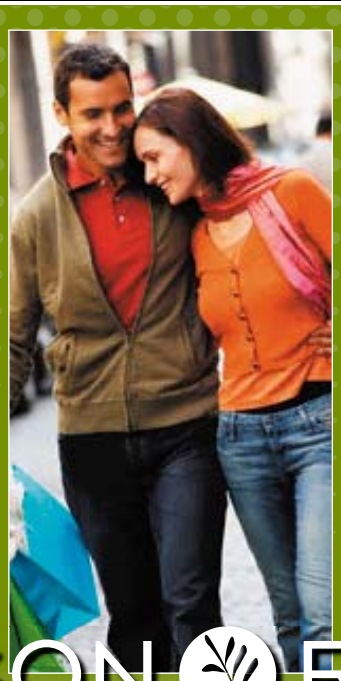

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Osby's Own Celebration

After playing all over the country, Boom finds rhythm at Maryland

TERPS HOOPS | When the buzzer sounded and it became real, it was about all Bambale "Boom" Osby could take.

The Maryland Terrapins had done it — defeated top-ranked North Carolina — and his teammates rushed to midcourt in a bouncing celebration. Osby never made it that far.

He'd traveled from Richmond, Va., to New Mexico to Paris, Texas, before reaching College Park. But at that moment, when the Tar Heels' last-ditch shot went awry, Osby fell to the floor, where he celebrated in disbelief. Moments earlier, the senior had made the game-winning shot, an acrobatic lay-in that was pure muscle and instinct.

"As soon as you start having fun and as soon as you start playing with emotion, you don't get tired, you don't get cramps, you're not thinking about nothing else," he said. "Getting to that point, that's where you want to play at all times."

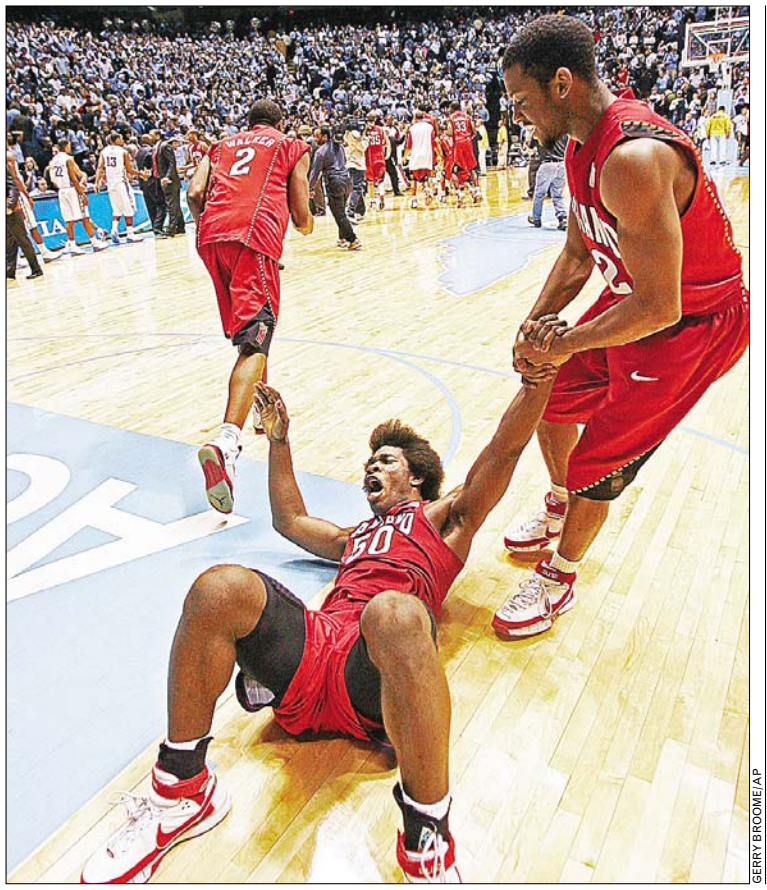
It hasn't been easy getting to that point. At New Mexico he averaged just more than a point per game as a freshman, but a coaching change prompted him to transfer to Paris Junior College. There, he averaged only six points per game.

He's now averaging 11 points and 6.4 rebounds per game for the Terrapins (12-7, 2-2).

"He wasn't a big scorer," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "He's gotten better because he's worked at it. It hasn't been completely smooth. There's been times when he's gotten away from it a little bit and you have to get him back to it. But he's a good person. He wants to work really hard, and so he's fun to have out there."

Earlier last week, Williams removed Osby from the starting lineup against Wake Forest for what he called disciplinary reasons. Still, when Osby entered the game, he played 32 minutes and scored 16 points with 11 rebounds. It was his third double-double of the season. Days later, he delivered the dagger to the Tar Heels.

"Boom's out of the doghouse now," Williams said. DEREK TURNER



GERRY BROOME/AP

Bambale Osby lies on the floor after the Terps held on to beat top-ranked UNC.

NO TIME TO CELEBRATE

For the second week in a row, the Terps will play the ACC's top team.

→ Coach Gary Williams' biggest task during this week without a game has been to keep his players from becoming overly confident after toppling then-No. 1 UNC last Sunday. They're eyeing a second-straight upset when No. 4 Duke (15-1, 3-0 in the ACC) visits on Saturday. Williams is quick to remind them that they are the same bunch that lost to American University. "We have to handle the North Carolina game just like we handled the American U. game," Williams said. "Our players have to do a good job of keeping things in perspective. With Duke coming up, that should be pretty easy to do." DEREK TURNER

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

Snyder Can't Find True Love

HEARTBROKEN BY JOE GIBBS two weeks ago, Dan Snyder is a lover scorned. Hurt and somewhat betrayed by the stunning retirement, the Redskins owner seems to be falling in and out of love on an almost daily basis.

Last week, Jim Mora Jr. wowed him before pulling out of the running for head coach. More recently, Snyder seemed positively gaga over Jim Fassel. The former Giants coach seemed a certainty Wednesday afternoon, but new rumblings suggest a wait beyond the Super Bowl so the Redskins can interview Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo and maybe even the Patriots' 31-year-old offensive play-caller, Josh McDaniels.

Snyder has even been flirting with assistant coaches, bringing in Jim Zorn to interview for the offensive coordinator position still filled by Al Saunders. There were even reports that the Redskins owner had eyes for defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin for the same position here before he got some extra bucks from the Bucs.

All the while, Gregg Williams is twisting in the wind. Interviewed four times last week, Williams is apparently getting the silent treatment from Snyder.

Perhaps the rumored rift with Vinny Cerrato is hurting Williams, or maybe Williams' 17-31 record in Buffalo is a deal-breaker.

Regardless, Williams deserves better. He created three top-10 defenses in four years under Gibbs and stayed in D.C. when head coaching opportunities cropped up two years ago.

Snyder clearly has moved on, deciding to start over yet again. The least he could do is be honest about it.

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Open Final Gets New Look

Tsonga's win means Aussie match will have another young star

TENNIS | Jo-Wilfried Tsonga had been compared to a young Muhammad Ali only because of an uncanny likeness to the boxing great. That was until he skipped across Rod Laver Arena, arms up in a biceps-flexing pose, thumbs pointing at his head after knocking out Rafael Nadal in the semifinals and getting a title shot at the Australian Open.

The unseeded Frenchman, hampered by injuries for much of the last three seasons, eliminated Nadal 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

When Nadal tried to counterpunch, Tsonga, 22, had an answer — a half-volley from ankle height, a powerful backhand or a crisp forehand pass and an ace to cap it off.

DITA ALANGKARA/AP

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga spent much of 2005 and 2006 battling injuries but dominated Rafael Nadal to make the Australian Open final.

All of which means that for the third straight year, an unexpected player is in the Australian final.

Tsonga's run of injuries began in late 2004. A herniated disc caused him to miss five months. Then came two right shoulder injuries later in 2005, back and abdominal ailments from October 2005 to February 2006, and the reoccurrence of an abdominal injury at the end of 2006.

In all, he played only eight tournaments each in 2005 and 2006. Yet it's taken him only five majors to make his first final.

"It's ridiculous, for sure," Tsonga said. "It's the first time I played this level, and it's here in the semifinal of the Australian Open."

BATTLING BACK

On the women's side, Ana Ivanovic was down a set and a break before winning in the third set.

➜ She will meet Russia's Maria Sharapova, who took only three games off Serena Williams in last year's final and wants to make amends on Saturday. "You have your bad moments in your career, and you have your good moments," said Sharapova, who won Wimbledon in 2004 and the 2006 U.S. Open. "It's been a good ride so far, but it's not over yet." (AP)

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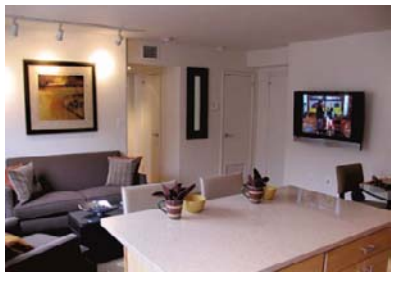

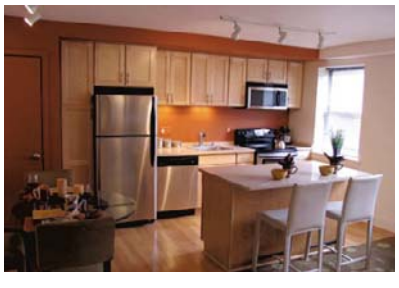

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Bad to the Bone

Sly Stallone's 'Rambo' is a gratuitously gory waste of your time

FILM | Sylvester Stallone insisted he would do another "Rambo" flick only if it was about the human condition.

He stuck to his guns. Chapter 4, simply titled "Rambo," is about the condition of humans — after they've been blown apart by bombs, land mines and projectiles fired from the biggest, loudest firearms you may ever encounter on screen.

A box-office and critical joke for years with a string of absurd movies, Stallone regained a lot of good will with fans in 2006's "Rocky Balboa," a resurrection of his most-famous character, which proved an unlikely commercial success and also earned the respect of many reviewers.

"Rocky Balboa" got back to the core of the lovable goof known as the Italian Stallion, evoking a lot of the charm of the original "Rocky" and rinsing out some of the bad taste left by the increasingly caricatured sequels.

Co-written and directed by Stallone, "Rambo" is sickening, almost degenerate, in its savagery. Any hope that it might redeem the franchise the way "Rocky Balboa" did vanishes about the time a Burmese soldier bayonets the belly of a child during one of the movie's early sequences of utter carnage.

KAREN BALLARD/AP

LET BYGONES BE BYGONES: No need to go there, Sly. Let the poor series die.

"First Blood," which introduced Stallone's Vietnam vet John Rambo, was silly in its relentless one-man-army action. But that 1982 flick at least brushed up against relevant questions about how a nation welcomes back the killing machines it creates to do its dirty work.

There never has been much story to the "Rambo" movies, whose last installment came in 1988. The latest "Rambo" has a thin setup — Stallone's stoic soldier is living out his life as a boatman and snake-catcher in Thailand when he's approached by American missionaries (Julie Benz and Paul Schulze among them) to ferry the group upriver to help villagers endangered by civil war in Myanmar (formerly Burma).

Rambo reluctantly agrees, then later finds himself joining a team of mercenaries hired by the congregation back home to find out what happened to the missionaries after the village they'd been working in is exterminated by the army.

He didn't ask for it, he didn't want it (and neither did we), but Rambo once again becomes an upstoppable demon of death as he tears through the jungle slaughtering bad guys with bow and arrow, his bare hands in one particularly bloody moment, and a gun that could bring down a T-Rex.

Stallone's effects team at least deserves credit for the twisted skill with which they create new and gruesome ways to show bodies being atomized amid the explosions and gunfire. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

The Next Best Thing to U2 Live

Is U2 in an IMAX theater! Check out Bono and co. in 3-D

FILM | After all those hits and all those decades of playing together, U2 is still a tremendous live act — which makes the idea of a 3-D concert film seem sort of redundant. They're so vibrant and theatrical in their performances and they sound so powerful, it's as if they're already reaching out and grabbing you.

Thankfully, directors Catherine Owens and Mark Pellington mostly resist the urge to get all gimmicky with the effects in "U2 3D." Except for one moment during "Sunday Bloody Sunday," when Bono stretches his hand toward you while singing the line, "Wipe your tears away," it's as if the band members aren't even aware the cameras are there.

"U2 3D" boasts that it's "the first-ever, live-action, digital 3-D film," and while it does look crisp and clean and sharp, it's just as notable for what it lacks: any self-indulgent interviews or seemingly spontaneous moments behind the scenes. It's just an efficient hour and a half of solid music — you're in, you're out, you're done.

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It's like you're there, minus the crowds, pricey drinks and tall guy in front of you.

The technique works best when it makes you feel as if you're immersed in the audience, watching classics like "New Year's Day," "One" and "Beautiful Day." Crowd members in front of you thrust their hands in the air and make you feel like you're one of them. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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BIG HASSLE RECORDS

Grab an elevated burger before North Mississippi Allstars at State Theatre.

I'm going to the State Theatre tonight to see the North Mississippi Allstars. I was wondering how early to show up and whether you know of any place to get a quick bite before the show?
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Between the Lines

Simple drawings mask loaded content in the animated 'Persepolis'

FILM | The characters in Marjane Satrapi's "Persepolis" (co-directed with Vincent Paronnaud) are simple, friendly black-and-white line drawings, as uncomplicated as characters in a children's book. Which is precisely what throws you when they get themselves put in prison or in front of a firing squad.

Satrapi, who in the graphic novels on which the film is based recalls her upbringing in Tehran during the 1970s, '80s and early '90s, has said she made her characters abstract so that they'd be more universal, so that we could see "us" in them. And it works.

MARJANE SATRAPI

A SIMPLER TIME: The animated feature "Persepolis" includes flashbacks, like the one pictured, to protagonist Marjane's youth.

A familiar story set in an unfamiliar context, it's a paean to the universality of human experience and a testament to the endurance of individuality during great political and fanatical upheaval.

In an era of sophisticated computer animation, "Persepolis" is a visual throwback. The impressive movie spans Satrapi's childhood and young adulthood, from age 7 to age 23, when, having lived through the overthrow of the shah, the Islamic revolution and the even more oppressive fundamentalist regime that followed — the Pyrrhic Iran-Iraq war, a painful period of exile in Austria and a hasty marriage — she decides to leave her country for good. (She now lives in France, and the film is France's Academy Award entry for best foreign language film.)

One of the sad, unintended consequences of making films about troubles in faraway lands is that often the trouble comes to define the place in our eyes, which can have a perverse distancing effect on the beholder. This, in a sense, is what Satrapi experienced after her parents sent her to boarding school in Austria to keep her safe from Islamic fundamentalists. Many Austrians lumped her with the backward tyrants.

All of these events are recounted through the experiences of the little girl and, later, the young woman who Satrapi was at the time. Her political consciousness begins to awaken, for instance, when her father gently informs her that the shah was not, in fact, chosen by God, no matter what her teacher says. She soaks up her family's optimism at his ouster and manifests it as exuberance, until it becomes clear to all that the new regime will be even worse than the old. CARINA CHOCANO (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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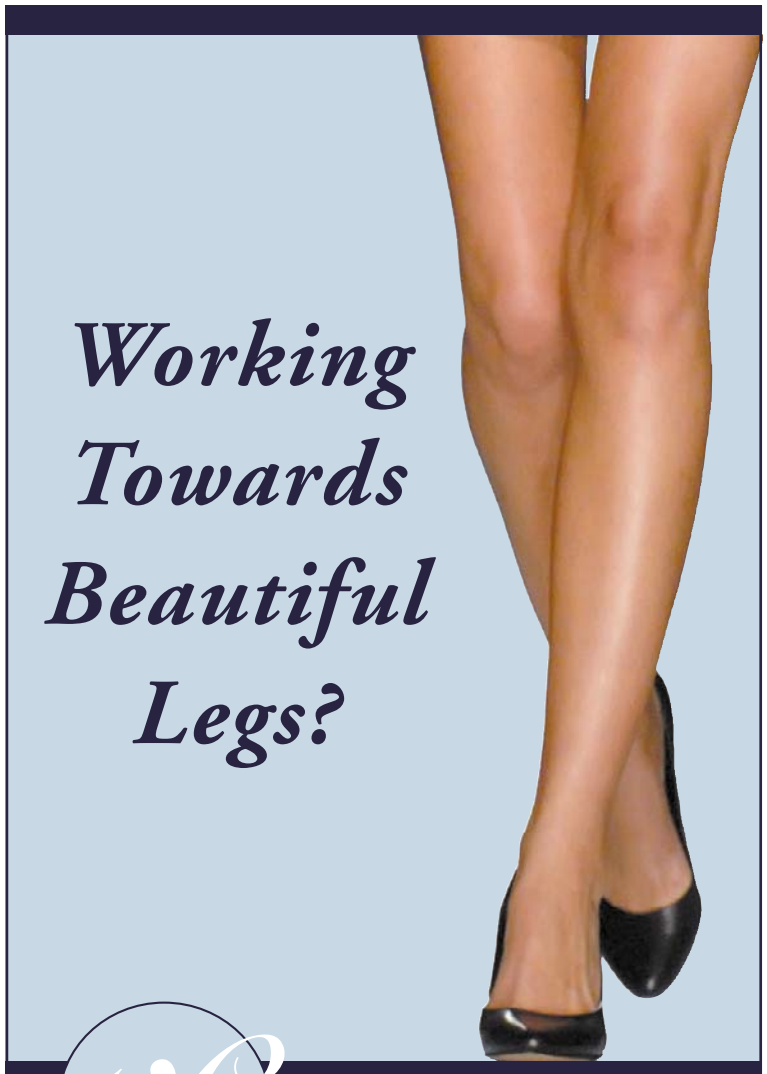

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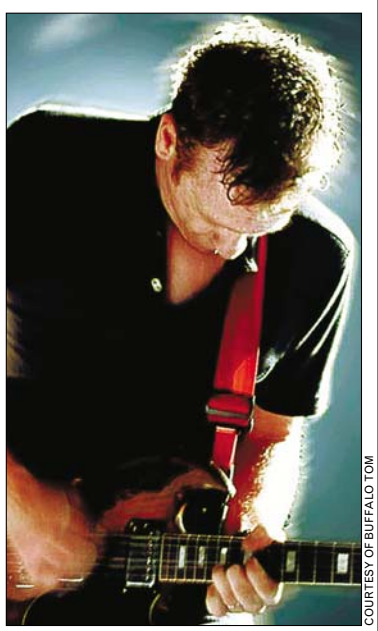
Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

If you lived through the mid-'90s, you probably remember the name Buffalo Tom. The Boston-based trio had a couple of radio hits, including "Soda Jerk" and "Taillights Fade," sporting a hook-filled, Americana-tinged sound comparable to the Lemonheads, Matthew Sweet or Teenage Fanclub. (The band's first two records got extra cred for being produced by Dinosaur Jr. frontman J Mascis.) Buffalo Tom really broke through to the post-Generation X crowd when the band made a cameo appearance on an episode of "My So-Called Life." It was a concert that Jordan wanted to go to but he didn't invite Angela, so she went anyway, hoping that he'd see her there — ah, memories. Anyway, the band performed live, got a song on the show's soundtrack, and then promptly went nowhere. Buffalo Tom went on hiatus in 1998, though it was one of those Slickee Boys-style breakups in which, though the members all had other projects, the band still got together for one concert a year. Last year, Buffalo Tom finally released an album, "Three Easy Pieces," which sounds like they've never really been away. The accompanying tour, which stops at **THE BLACK CAT** tonight, has resulted in sold-out shows from Austin to London.



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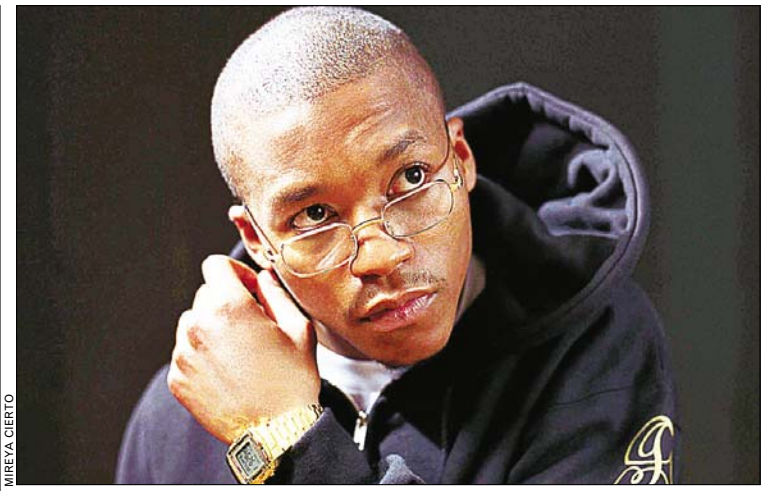
Make like the kids from "My So Called Life" and check out Buffalo Tom.



MIREYA CIERTO

QUICK FIX: If you didn't snag 9:30 Club Lupe Fiasco tickets, head to B-more Sunday.

SATURDAY

Saturday night is the final night for **DR. DREMO'S TAPHOUSE**. The joint closes forever at 2 a.m. The no-cover going away party features live music all night and free pool and discounted drinks from 5 to 7:30 p.m. It's going to be a madhouse. We suggest arriving early.

We haven't talked about Jukebox the Ghost too much, but it's not because we're ignoring it. It's because we have a bit of a conflict of interest: Guitarist Tommy Siegel was a City Guide intern a few semesters back. Clearly, his time spent here is the reason for the band's ever-increasing buzz, and that buzz isn't limited to D.C. The trio has a sound that stands out and is known for live shows packed with infectious energy. Two of the most common musical reference points are Ben Folds and Queen, an odd combo, but it makes sense. Ben Thornewill's piano playing and cheeky lyrics recall Folds, and there's an element of bombast to the songs that brings to mind the legendary British stadium rockers. Thornewill, Siegel and drummer Jesse Kristin recently graduated from GW and will be taking the show on the road after Saturday night's CD release show at **THE BLACK CAT**. Bellman Barker and Pash handle the opening slots.

THE VELVET LOUNGE was sold to former Local 16 bartenders Abdul Kayoumy and Haile Berhane last month, but don't expect any radical changes. The club's live music schedule will continue to look a whole lot like the old Warehouse Next Door schedule (all the way down to the incredibly unhelpful, perpetually "under construction" Web site), with plenty of experimental music booked by Clavius Productions. And expect the sound quality to remain the best in the city on a nightly basis. The musical offerings will be a little simpler as the venue celebrates its 10th anniversary tonight. Local genre-hoppers the Hula Monsters — they call themselves "a swing band with a Hawaiian flavor" — are the perfect party band, serving up genre-hopping delights from rockabilly to jazz. Former Dead Milkman Joe Jack Talcum and Dead Ex-Husbands round out the bill.

SUNDAY

Sunday night it again it pays off to be in an area where concert companies know they can double their profits by booking acts in Baltimore and Washington. There have been a number of big shows that sold out the 9:30 Club that we've been lucky enough to catch when they pass through our northern sister city. So, for all of you lovers of clever, conceptual, iconoclastic hipster-hop with 'hood roots who didn't cop Lupe Fiasco tickets early enough, head up the highway to **SONAR** Sunday night. As the cycle between the rise and fall of ringtone rap acts constricts, Lupe has managed to carve his own lane. His most recent album, "The Cool," is stuffing more kudos into his already overflowing backpack, and with this new level of success, he's beefed up his stage show with a full band. That proves all the more handy to flesh out the more adventurous musical arrangements on the new record.

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RICHES ARE EXCITING! Katie Holmes and Queen Latifah star in "Mad Money."

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ATONEMENT (R, 123 minutes) This film version of Ian McEwan's 2002 novel has achieved that to which every literary adaptation should aspire. It's 1935, and the Tallises have gathered for a quiet summer weekend. When Briony observes her beautiful sister, Cecilia (Keira Knightley), suddenly jump into a fountain while the caretaker's son, Robbie (James McAvoy), looks on, Briony doesn't see youthful impetuousness. She sees something forbidden and threatening, which is how she will read and eport all that comes later. Those events will take Briony, Cecilia and Robbie to World War II and even the present day, as that summer weekend reverberateS in a series of excruciating twists. How fitting that a novel so devoted to the precision and passionate love of language be captured in a film that is simply too exquisite for words. (AH)

THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13, 97 minutes) The lowest of high concepts, this movie is about two old coots (Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman) with terminal cancer who decide to live out a few last-minute thrills before kicking the bucket. It is professionally made, but the overall sense is of a movie coasting on an obvious and somewhat flimsy premise, to which no one thought to bring much else besides Nicholson and Freeman. Each man is playing his own cliched persona: nihilism vs. nobility, mischief vs. morose introspection, arrested adolescent vs. ageless wisdom. No need to explain who is who, which is part of the movie's very tired problem. (JA)

CASSANDRA'S DREAM (PG-13, 105 minutes) In Woody Allen's third consecutive movie set in England, Ian (Ewan McGregor) works at his father's restaurant in London, while brother Terry (Colin Farrell) is a mechanic with a weakness for drinking and gambling. Their lifestyles lead them into desperate financial straits, but we don't really care, since the characters are, variously, money-grubbing, conniving, nakedly ambitious, helpless or easily bribed. And we're never quite sure whether the movie is a comedy or drama, given the scarcity of laugh cues and Allen's dismissive vision of the British working class. Instead of offering a perspective that, at the very least, laments a world where the flow of money hurts otherwise good people, Allen simply pushes the movie into an uncertain sinkhole between morality play and black comedy. (DT)

CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R, 96 minutes) Mike Nichols's chronicle of congressman Charlie Wilson's crusade to ram funding through the House Appropriations Committee to supply arms to the Afghan mujaheddin in the early 1980s probably gets the Washington process better than any film since "Advise & Consent" in 1962. Charlie is played by Tom Hanks at his unchallenged but affable best. But the best thing about the film is the speed at which Nichols, from Aaron Sorkin's snarky script, moves the thing along and keeps the cracks wise. And with smart dialogue, Julia Roberts in a bikini and Russian helicopters going boom! It's also short! What's not to love? (SH)

CLOVERFIELD (PG-13, 85 minutes) In this thriller, our hero, as such, is Rob (Michael Stahl-David), who's being given a going-away party before his new job in Japan starts. Apparently miffed about not having been invited to the soiree, a lumbering-yet-slithering 90-foot tadpole starts lobbing bombs around Lower Manhattan.

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The destruction of the city is seen through the viewfinder of a partygoer's video camera, and at no time does he fail to keep an image on the screen. Projected on a building-size screen, the movie is a relentless, I-thought-my-eyeballs-were-bleeding exercise in visual disorientation, consisting of dialogue that consists largely of OH, MY GOD!! (JA)

FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13, 96 minutes) In this by turns trite and mildly amusing B-comedy, Ice Cube and Tracy Morgan play Durell and LeeJohn, Baltimore down-and-outers who need quick money and concoct a scheme to rip off their neighborhood church. Once they're inside the house of worship, the movie goes from caper flick to spiritually inflected dramedy, with touches of Agatha Christie thrown in when the money disappears before Durell and LeeJohn can snag it. As tired as this movie is, and as shamelessly as it grovels for laughs, there's a hint of sweetness, and when it succeeds, it's mostly due to terrific casting. (AH)

THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13, 120 minutes) Denzel Washington, who directed and stars in this film, turns the tale of how tiny black Wiley College, of Marshall, Tex., out-argued the white national debate champion in 1935 into a stunner. He plays Mel Tolson, a poet, debate coach, labor organizer and mentor, who coaches Henry (Nate Parker) and three others to a significant assertion of black intellectual chops on a national scale. It's a David and Goliath tale played to the max, all stops removed. It's a great family movie, if not historically perfect, and something that a lot of people are going to like. (SH)

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DON'T BE FOOLED: By the smiles. "Cassandra's Dream" is all murder and betrayal.

I AM LEGEND (PG-13, 114 minutes) Based on Richard Matheson's 1954 novel of the same name, this movie is set in New York City in 2012, just after a virus appears to have wiped out the human race, leaving only Robert Neville (Will Smith) with his trusted dog and memories of his wife and daughter. The joy of the movie is watching the slow unfolding of this disaster zone and the likable Smith finding a way to live in it. But instead of maintaining its edgy sense of constant discomfort, the movie is compelled to make Neville as fuzzily adorable and messianic as possible. Heroes work better on their own, thank you, without studio hyperbole. (DT)

JUNO (PG-13, 91 minutes) When whip-smart teenager Juno (Ellen Page) becomes pregnant, the unplanned result of a quick liaison with boyfriend Paulie (Michael Cera), she decides to find a home for her baby. She meets a seemingly slick and perfect yuppie couple (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) who plan to give the child the life that Juno

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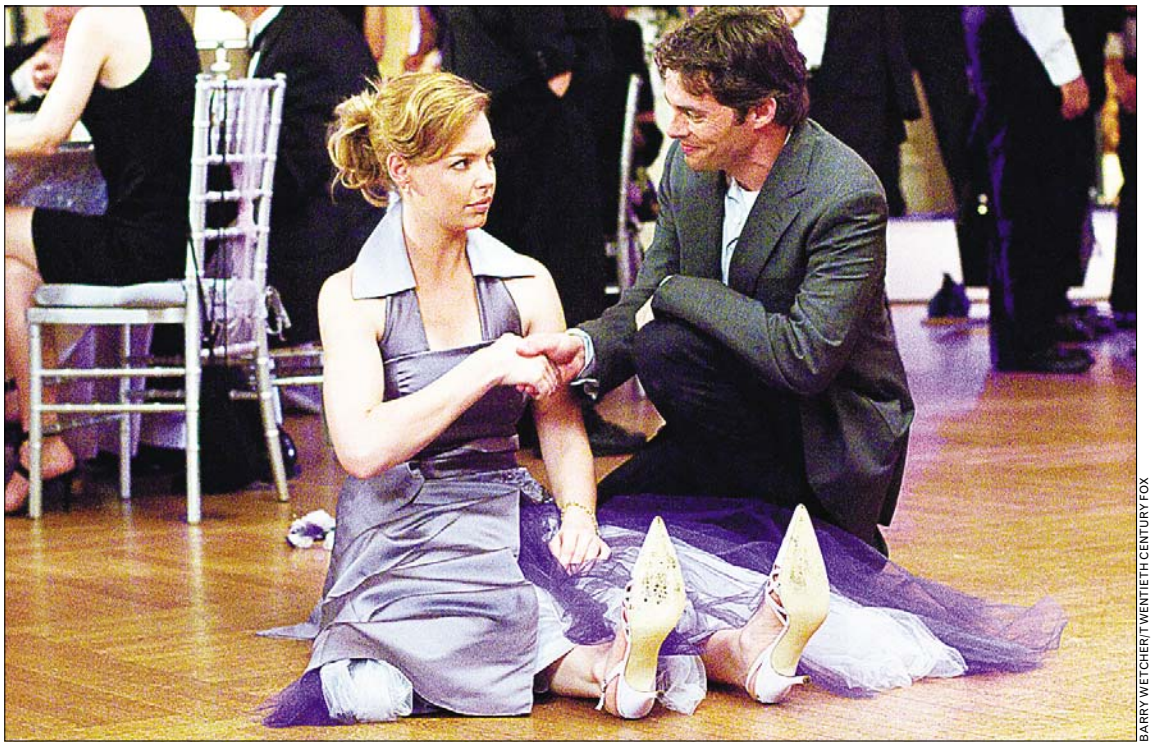

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BRIDESMAID IN DISTRESS: Katherine Heigl meets her knight in shining suit, played by James Marsden, in "27 Dresses."

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can't. Only superficially a teen comedy, the movie redounds with postmodern — but emotionally genuine — gravitas. What distinguishes it is its memorable banter among the characters, all of whom feel real. And let's not forget how funny the movie is, too. (DT)

THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13, 122 minutes) Khaled Hosseini's novel has been given the screen adaptation it richly deserves. Gorgeously filmed in California and China (which stands in for Afghanistan), the movie keeps things simple and elegant. Twelve-year-old Amir (Zekeria Ebrahimi) lives in a beautiful house. His best friend is Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada), the family servant's son. As the boys do what boys do in Kabul, including flying kites, they are routinely bullied by kids of the privileged sect to which Amir belongs. It's after one of Kabul's cherished "kite fighting" tournaments that Hassan runs afoul of some of those bullies, who brutally rape him. Amir looks on, and the ensuing shame will haunt him the rest of his life. For all the pain and loss, this is still a film of exhilarating, redemptive humanity, conveying enduring hope. (AH)

MAD MONEY (PG-13, 102 minutes) In this caper comedy, Diane Keaton mostly plays it straight as Bridget, an upper-class Kansas City matron who, when her corporate husband falls on hard times, takes a job as a janitor at the Federal Reserve. She notices that the Fed shreds money too old to stay in circulation and persuades single mom Nina (Queen Latifah) and rocker chick Jackie (Katie Holmes) to join with her to "recycle" the bills — straight into their own bank accounts. The movie possesses its share of modest laughs, but it doesn't have the dash needed to make it a comic heist on par with "Ocean's Eleven." And once Bridget gets just plain greedy, all rooting interest in her scheme disappears like so many pulped Benjamins. (AH)

NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG, 120 minutes) Benjamin Franklin Gates is a movie hero of the old school, a dashing treasure hunter with an obsessive interest in American history. Played by Nicolas Cage in the 2004 hit "National Treasure," Gates emerged as a new kind of leading man, one with the brains of Stephen Ambrose and the brawn of Indiana Jones. Cage is back in crackling good form in this sequel, which finds Gates trying to disprove an unpleasant twist in his vaunted family history. It's clear that everyone involved in this movie is having fun, and with expectations properly managed, the audience will, too. (AH)

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. Bodies, guns, blood, flies and folly are everywhere on the arid plains. Each figure is given, a la standard thriller operating procedure, a single moral or psychological attribute and then acts in accordance to that principle and nothing else. It's meant to be "ironic," with that big capital I. Instead it's unsatisfying, with a capital U. (SH)

ONE MISSED CALL (PG-13, 87 minutes) In this remake of the 2003 Japanese horror film, "Chakushin Ari," the ring of a cellphone tolls the death knell. A subset of girlfriends — all on the same gabby network — start getting picked off one by one. The creepy part: their deaths are foretold by a missed call that, when they play it back, is a future recording of themselves uttering their last words. The movie does little more than roll out the cliches of this subgenre, including the petrified, upper-middle-class babes to the slaughter, the creepy children and those special-effect swirly things around victims to be. (DT)

THE ORPHANAGE (R, 100 minutes) This movie, Spain's official entry for Best Foreign Language Film at this year's Academy Awards, is set in a former orphanage where one of its old charges, Laura (Belén Rueda), was raised. Now grown, she intends to turn the institution into a home for special-needs children. But when her son disappears, she becomes convinced that the ghosts of her traumatic school days have returned to capture him. The film lures us in with extraordinary subtlety. Keeping sound effects and incidental music to a relative minimum, it builds its suspense almost subliminally. So when something scary or shocking does occur — deprived of those Hollywood-style cues — we are truly startled. (DT)

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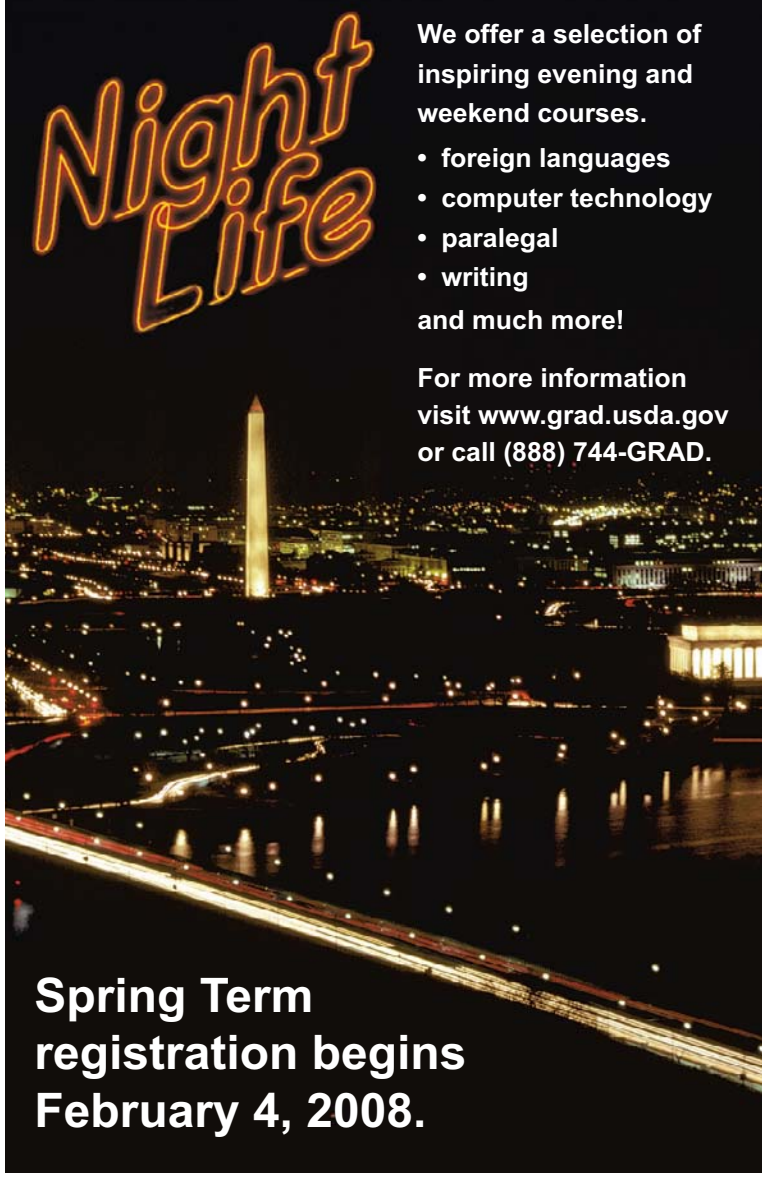

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THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R, 158 minutes) Based very loosely on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, this film stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a miner named Daniel Plainview, who while digging for gold and silver in Southern California in the late 1890s discovers oil. The movie traces his rise as an independent oilman, his fight with Standard Oil, his relationship with his adopted son and his feud with an ambitious young preacher. It is a masterful cinematic achievement, and it's another astonishing performance from Day-Lewis, who in the

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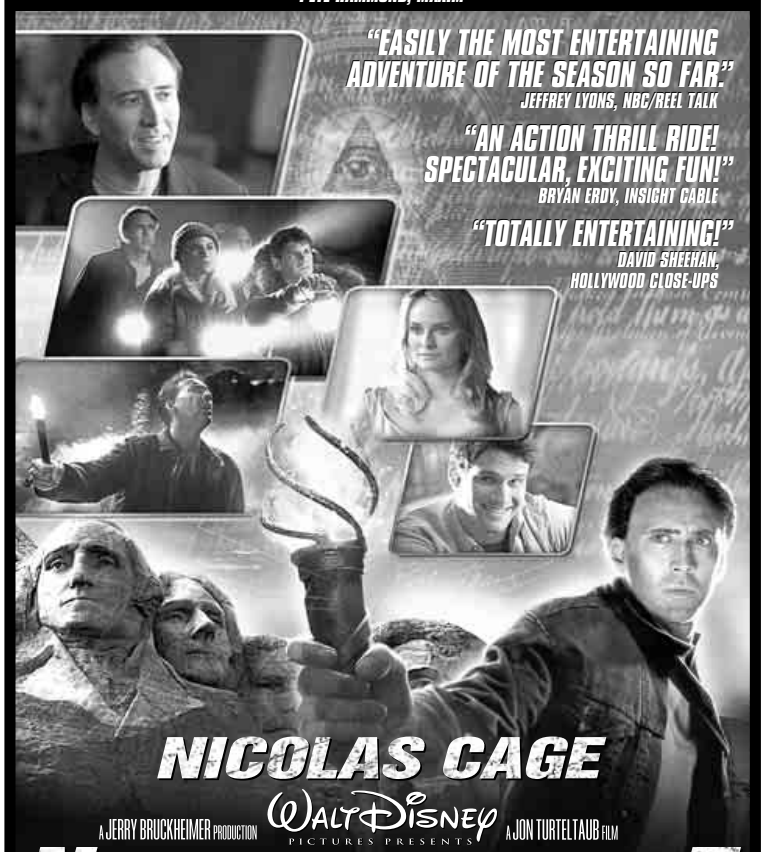

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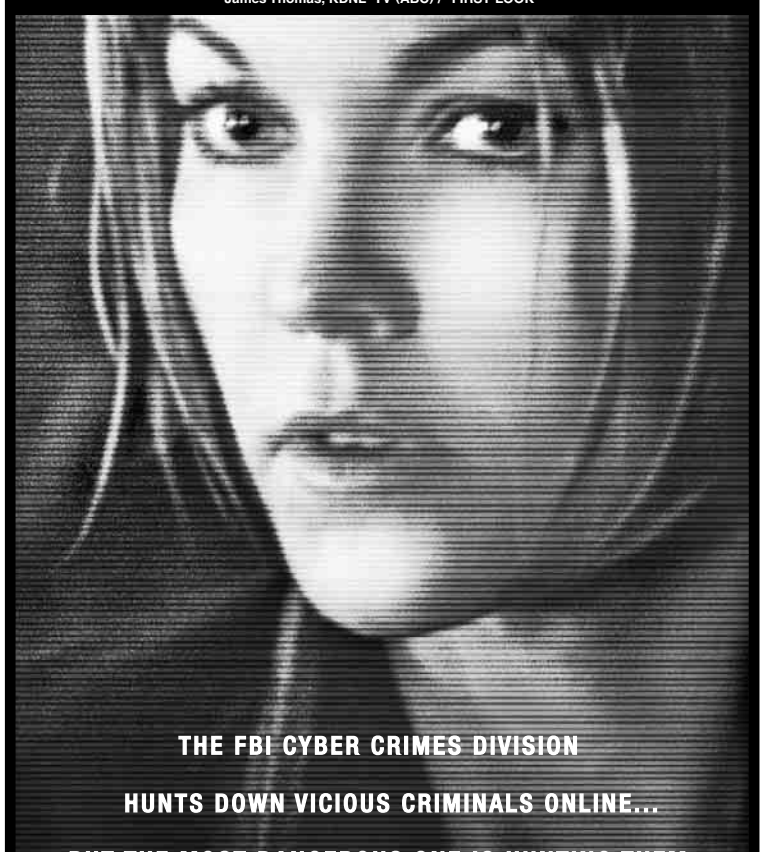

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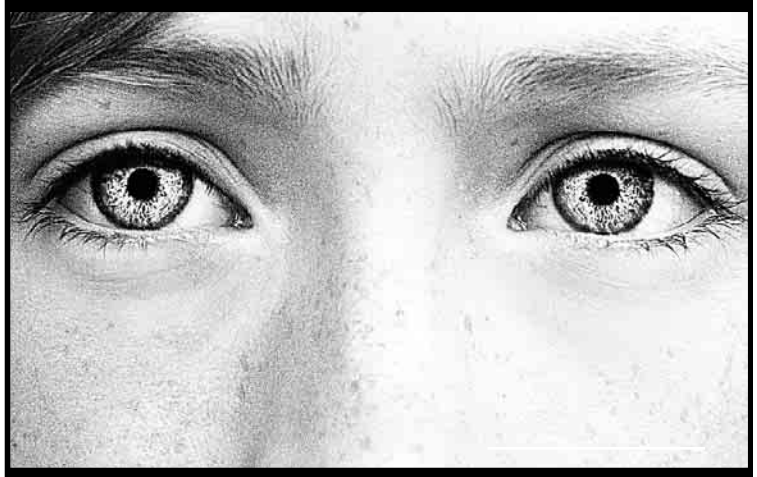

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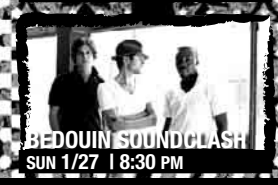
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THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13) (100 345) 645 930
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (130 415) 700 1000
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (300 515) 730
JUNO (PG-13) (215 445) 800 1030
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHNG: VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) (200) PM

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue — 800-FANDANGO 569#

MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (230 445) 700 915
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (200 430) 730 1000
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (100 315 530) 745 1010
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (130 400) 745 1015
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (120 345) 610 815 1020
27 DRESSES (PG-13) (200 430) 715 945
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (230 500) 730 1000
THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13) (100 400) 700 950
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) - ID REQ'D (245 515) 800 1020
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (115 415) 715 1010

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy — 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 220 300 450 530) 720 800 950 1030
HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13) (200 430) 700 930 1200
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (150 410) 650 910 1130
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (205 440) 730 1010
THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13) (1250) 645
27 DRESSES - DP (PG-13) (135 420) 710 1000
27 DRESSES (PG-13) 630 920
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (100 140 320 400 540) 640 820 900 1040 1120
OC: MAD MONEY (PG-13) (210) PM
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (445) 735 1015
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 340) 705 1005
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (110 345) 620 855 1140
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHNG: VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) (240) PM
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (120 355) 635 905
THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13) (350) 945
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) - ID REQ'D (500) 740 1020
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (125 435) 750 1055
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (130 405)
I AM LEGEND (PG-13) 1150 PM

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza — 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale SPIRIT OF THE MARATHON ENCORE (NR) ★
HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13) (1145 210 420) 710 945
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (1235 310 540) 750 1010
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 220 500) 730 1015
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 130 250 350 510) 610 740 840 1020
OC: MAD MONEY (PG-13) (140) PM
27 DRESSES - DP (PG-13) (1220 300 530) 800 1035
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (400) 645 930
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (1210 110 240 340 450 550) 720 820 950 1040
27 DRESSES (PG-13) (200 430) 700 955
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (1215 230 545) 810 1030
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHNG: VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) (1240 245 520)
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (100 445) 830
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (115 345) 630 900
THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP (PG) (1140) AM
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) - ID REQ'D (1250) PM
SWEENEY TODD (R) - ID REQ'D 745 1025
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (1200 315) 620 915
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (1155 215 440) 655
I AM LEGEND (PG-13) 910 PM
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 330) 635 935
JUNO (PG-13) (1135 150 410) 650 920
ENCHANTED (PG) (120) PM
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (415) 715 1000
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (320) 640 940

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center — 800-FANDANGO 248#

Adv. Tix on Sale HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 300 530) 800 1030 1225
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (1200 215 445) 730 1000
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 415) 700 930 1200
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (1245 300 415 515) 645 745 915 1015 1130
27 DRESSES (PG-13) (130 430) 715 900 1000 1145
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (1200 230 500) 745 1015
JUNO (PG-13) (145 445) 715 945 1210
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (100 400) 700 950
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (115 130 345) 645 915 1145
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (115 430) 730 1035
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (1215 245 515) 800
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (100 345) 630
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHNG: VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) (200) PM

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road — 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (150 435) 730 940
HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13) (200 440) 715 930
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (100 430) 800
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (125 350) 645 920
I AM LEGEND - DP (PG-13) (150 420) 720 950
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (140 405) 640
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (110 400) 650 940
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (120 410) 710 1000
ENCHANTED (PG) (105 340)
THE ORPHANAGE (R) - ID REQ'D 630 910
SWEENEY TODD (R) - ID REQ'D (130 415) 700 945
P.S. I LOVE YOU (PG-13) 915 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. Tix on Sale SPIRIT OF THE MARATHON ENCORE (NR) ★
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 730 1000
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (1230 315 530) 745 1015
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 730 1000
HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13) (145 445) 800 1030
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (100 300 415 530) 715 815 945 1030
27 DRESSES (PG-13) (130 430) 645 745 915 1015
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (415) 700 945
OC: MAD MONEY (PG-13) (100) PM
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (215 500) 815 1045
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (1245 345) 630 915
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (1230 330) 630 930
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 330) 645 930
JUNO (PG-13) (230 500) 800 1045
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (115 400)
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHNG: VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) (115) PM

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr — 800-FANDANGO 570#

MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (230 515) 815 1030
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (200 445) 730 1010
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (215 515) 745 1015
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (145 415) 715 945
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (130 230 345 445) 630 730 900 1000
27 DRESSES (PG-13) (115 345) 700 945
OC: BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (145) PM
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (200 500) 745 1020
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (100 430) 800
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (415) 715 1005
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (100 400) 700 1000
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (130 430) 645
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (115 400) 645 930
JUNO (PG-13) (215 500) 800 1025
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D 915 PM

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive — 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13) (1135 225 450) 740 1000
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (1130 155 400) 650 925
UNTRACEABLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 350) 625 915
RAMBO (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 215 445) 705 950
CLOVERFIELD - DP (PG-13) ★ (1215 230 500) 735 1020
MAD MONEY (PG-13) (1250 340) 645 955
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) ★ (415) 635 935
27 DRESSES (PG-13) (1230 435) 720 1005
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13) (1145 210 430) 730 1030
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHNG: VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) (1205 210)
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (1155 220 505) 750 1035
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (1220 315) 715 1010
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (1150 205 420) 640
I AM LEGEND (PG-13) 1025 PM
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 325) 630 945
JUNO (PG-13) (1140 200 425) 745 1015

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION

THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) (11:20 @ $6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20
HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) ✓ (10:25, 11:55 @ $6), 1:15, 2:15, 3:55, 4:40, 6:15, 7:10, 8:55, 9:45, 11:30
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) ✓ (10:05 @ $6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40, 12:00
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ (10:55 @ $6), 1:50, 4:45, 7:55
RAMBO (R) ✓ 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15, 11:45
SHOOT DOWN (PG13) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:25, 2:55, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
UNTRACEABLE (R) ✓ (10:50 @ $6), 1:30, 4:25, 7:00, 10:00
27 DRESSES (PG13) ✓ (10:15, 11:15 @ $6), 1:05, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:40, 10:30, 11:05
27 DRESSES (PG13) [CC] [DS] ✓ (11:15 @ $6), 2:15, 5:30, 8:40
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ (10:00, 11:00 @ $6), 12:40, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:55, 7:00, 8:30, 9:20, 11:00, 11:40
MAD MONEY (PG13) ✓ (10:20 @ $6), 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:20, 5:00, 8:00, 11:15, 11:55
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIETALES MOVIE (G) 2:30, 8:05
THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG13) (11:40 @ $6), 5:05, 10:25
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) 1:35, 7:05
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (11:05 @ $6), 2:10, 5:20, 8:25, 11:20
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (10:40 @ $6), 1:20, 4:05, 7:10, 9:40
I AM LEGEND (PG13) (10:55 @ $6), 4:50, 10:45

AMC SELECT

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) ✓ 1:45, 7:50
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) (10:30 @ $6), 2:05, 6:10, 9:50
ATONEMENT (R) 12:10, 3:25, 6:35, 9:30
JUNO (PG13) (10:45 @ $6), 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) (10:35 @ $6), 4:15, 9:45

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

CLOVERFIELD (PG13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, 11:20
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) 12:35, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25, 11:30
RAMBO (R) 12:00, 2:05, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10, 11:25
UNTRACEABLE (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35
27 DRESSES (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
MAD MONEY (PG13) 1:30, 7:05
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) [CC] 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) 1:00, 4:15, 7:20, 10:50

AMC SELECT

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 4:00, 9:45
CASSANDRA'S DREAM (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00
ATONEMENT (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
JUNO (PG13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 10:00

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMC SELECT

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:50, 7:10
CASSANDRA'S DREAM (PG13) 4:40, 9:40
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 2:00, 5:10, 8:10
ATONEMENT (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
JUNO (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20
PERSEPOLIS (PG13) 2:20, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) 4:20
THE SAVAGES (R) 1:40, 7:00, 9:30

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

27 DRESSES (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) 1:50, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:45

AMC SELECT

JUNO (PG13) 2:15, 4:20, 7:05, 9:25

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
703-998-4AMC

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

ONE MISSED CALL (PG13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:10, 9:35
HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) (11:15 @ $6), 1:40, 4:05, 6:20, 8:40, 11:05
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) [DS] [CC] (11:15 @ $6), 1:40, 4:05, 6:20, 8:40, 11:05
RAMBO (R) (10:30 @ $6), 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
UNTRACEABLE (R) (11:50 @ $6), 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
27 DRESSES (PG13) (11:45 @ $6), 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) (11:25 @ $6), 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50, 11:10
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) (11:00 @ $6), 1:35, 4:15, 6:40, 9:20
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) (10:25 @ $6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIETALES MOVIE (G) (11:05 @ $6), 1:15, 3:25, 5:35
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) 12:45, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (10:35 @ $6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10
I AM LEGEND (PG13) 7:50, 10:20

AMC SELECT

ATONEMENT (R) (10:40 @ $6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30
JUNO (PG13) (11:40 @ $6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) 10:40 PM

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) ✓ 5:00, 7:20, 10:00
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) ✓ 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
RAMBO (R) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
UNTRACEABLE (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
27 DRESSES (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:45
MAD MONEY (PG13) ✓ 9:30 PM
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) 4:30, 7:00

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
301-948-0906

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ $6), 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $6), 1:10, 3:35, 6:15, 8:45, 11:10
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) ✓ (11:15 @ $6), 1:25, 3:45, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) (11:10 @ $6), 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
RAMBO (R) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:20, 3:50, 6:10, 8:40, 11:00
UNTRACEABLE (R) ✓ (11:25 @ $6), 2:05, 4:35, 7:00, 9:35
27 DRESSES (PG13) ✓ (11:05 @ $6), 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ (11:30 @ $6), 1:50, 4:10, 6:25, 8:50, 11:05
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) [CC] ✓ (11:30 @ $6), 1:50, 4:10, 6:25, 8:50, 11:05
MAD MONEY (PG13) ✓ (10:55 @ $6), 1:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) (11:50 @ $6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) (10:50 @ $6), 1:15, 3:40, 6:05, 8:30, 10:50
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIETALES MOVIE (G) (10:30 @ $6), 3:15, 8:05
ONE MISSED CALL (PG13) 10:45 PM
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (10:35 @ $6), 1:30, 4:40, 7:35, 10:35
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (11:45 @ $6), 2:15, 5:05
I AM LEGEND (PG13) 12:40, 5:40

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 7:30, 10:15
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) (11:20 @ $6), 2:40, 6:30, 10:00
THE KITE RUNNER (PG13) (11:00 @ $6), 2:00, 5:00, 7:55
ATONEMENT (R) (10:40 @ $6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
JUNO (PG13) (11:40 @ $6), 2:10, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:05
RAMBO (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:20
UNTRACEABLE (R) ✓ 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:25, 9:40
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:00, 10:10
MAD MONEY (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:00
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) 12:15, 1:35, 2:50, 4:05, 5:05, 6:15, 7:40, 9:00, 10:00
ONE MISSED CALL (PG13) 7:45, 10:05
THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG13) 12:25, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) 12:05, 2:10, 4:20, 7:05, 9:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30
HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ $6), 12:10, 1:30, 2:35, 4:00, 6:35, 7:35, 9:10, 10:15, 11:35
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) ✓ (10:20 @ $6), 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) (10:55 @ $6), 2:00, 7:40
RAMBO (R) ✓ (10:05 @ $6), 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 9:05, 10:25, 11:25
UNTRACEABLE (R) ✓ (11:40 @ $6), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
UNTRACEABLE (R) [CC] ✓ (11:40 @ $6), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
27 DRESSES (PG13) ✓ (11:35 @ $6), 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:40
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, 11:30
MAD MONEY (PG13) ✓ (11:30 @ $6), 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) (11:10 @ $6), 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) (11:25 @ $6), 2:05, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIETALES MOVIE (G) (11:15 @ $6), 1:35, 4:05
ONE MISSED CALL (PG13) 5:00
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (10:15 @ $6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (11:20 @ $6), 1:45, 4:15, 6:50
I AM LEGEND (PG13) 6:30, 9:00

AMC SELECT

THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) ✓ 12:00, 3:25, 6:55, 10:20
ATONEMENT (R) (10:00 @ $6), 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40
JUNO (PG13) (11:05 @ $6), 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:25
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) 4:55, 10:35

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
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HOW SHE MOVE (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
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NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20

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THE KITE RUNNER (PG13) 7:50, 10:40
THE SAVAGES (R) 1:00, 6:40

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MEET THE SPARTANS (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $6), 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15, 12:45
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) (10:50 @ $6), 4:40, 7:20
RAMBO (R) ✓ (10:05 @ $6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:00, 10:40, 12:40
UNTRACEABLE (R) ✓ (11:05 @ $6), 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50, 12:25
27 DRESSES (PG13) ✓ (10:55 @ $6), 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
CLOVERFIELD (PG13) ✓ (11:10 @ $6), 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45, 12:55
MAD MONEY (PG13) ✓ (11:30 @ $6), 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35, 12:05
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ONE MISSED CALL (PG13) 1:35
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (10:15 @ $6), 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (10:10 @ $6), 12:35, 2:50, 5:00, 7:25
I AM LEGEND (PG13) 10:05 PM, 12:50 AM

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 9:45 PM, 12:30 AM
THE KITE RUNNER (PG13) (11:00 @ $6), 2:00, 4:55, 7:55
THE KITE RUNNER (PG13) [CC] (11:00 @ $6), 2:00, 4:55, 7:55
ATONEMENT (R) (10:35 @ $6), 1:30, 4:50, 7:50, 10:55
JUNO (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55, 12:15
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R) 10:50 PM
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RAMBO (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
27 DRESSES (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) 2:00, 7:30
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) 4:10, 7:05, 10:05
I AM LEGEND (PG13) 4:30, 10:10

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***HOW SHE MOVE (PG-13)**
12:40, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05
***MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13)**
12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:35
***CLOVERFIELD (PG-13)**
12:55, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15
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***MAD MONEY (PG-13)**
1:00, 3:25, 7:05, 9:45
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7:35, 9:50
FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13)
12:15, 3:20, 8:00, 10:45
ONE MISSED CALL (PG-13)
2:55, 9:55
JUNO (PG-13)
12:05, 3:30, 7:00, 9:40
THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13)
4:25, 10:20
NATIONAL TREASURE 2: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG)
12:35, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10
ATONEMENT (R)
1:05, 4:30, 7:45, 10:25
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PERSEPOLIS (PG-13)
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DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY (PG-13)
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55
JUNO (PG-13)
12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R)
12:00, 3:20, 6:45,10:00
THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13)
1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R)
1:00, 4:00
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON
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ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)
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ONE MISSED CALL (PG-13)
2:20, 10:30
SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R)
12:45, 9:30
THE ORPHANAGE (EL ORFANATAO) (R)
6:40, 9:50
THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13)
3:30, 6:35
THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP (PG)
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12:40, 2:45, 4:45, 6:50, 8:55, 10:55
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13)
1:15, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10, 11:00
ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)
12:10, 2:00, 3:50
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7:45
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2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45
ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)
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JUNO (PG-13) 10:00 am, 12:00, 2:00, 4:05, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R)
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P.S. I LOVE YOU (PG-13)
12:15, 7:05
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12:25

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JUNO (PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00
THE ORPHANAGE (R)
4:15, 9:30
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R)
1:15, 6:45
ATONEMENT (R)
12;50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R)
11:45, 3:05, 6:30, 9:45
THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13)
12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40
PESEPOLIS (PG-13)
1:00, 3:15, ,5:30, 7:45, 10:05
DIVA (NR)
1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
THE SAVAGES (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FILMS
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Family Filmgoer, Fridays in Weekend

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Weekend

Now Playing

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opening moments even breathes with eerie authenticity. (AH)

27 DRESSES (PG-13, 107 minutes) In this romantic comedy, Katherine Heigl plays Jane, a hardworking Manhattan administrative assistant who gives new meaning to "always a bridesmaid." Turns out the movie's title refers to the number of weddings in which she has served in that thankless capacity, including two that, in a preposterous early sequence, occur on the same night. It's during that illogical series of scenes that Jane meets Kevin (James Marsden), who begins to pursue her even though she's in love with her boss (Edward Burns). There is not one surprising, charming or quirky thing about the movie, which hews to the rom-com formula with bland precision. But don't blame Heigl, who has a bright big-screen future with the right material. (AH)

SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R, 116 minutes) With oceans of gore, rivers of luscious musicality and a bravura performance by Johnny Depp redolent of malevolence and magnetism, Tim Burton brings Stephen Sondheim's 1979 musical to the screen with a visual style informed by a truly cinematic feel for Grand Guignol. The added marvel is that the director has crafted a version of a stage musical that completely honors the source without being slavishly devoted to it. And although most of the voices Burton employs to interpret the operatic songs belong to actors rather than to singers, Sondheim's music — some of the most exquisite he has ever composed — does not seem to suffer.

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THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP (PG, 105 minutes) This tale of Scotland's storied Loch Ness and its most famous denizen may not be the perfect family Christmas movie — someww potentially terrifying material in the third act might put off little ones or the easily frightened — but it's close. Based on a novel by Dick King-Smith, the movie tells the story of Angus MacMorrow (Alex Etel), a boy living on the coast of Scotland during World War II who discovers a strange egg. It hatches into a strange, slippery beastie that grows into a full-fledged sea monster. It's a rich, mostly tender fairy tale, and there's also plenty for adults to appreciate. (AH)

REVIEWS BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S **ANN HORNADAY, STEPHEN HUNTER, MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN, DESSON THOMSON** AND **TERESA WILTZ**. FOR MORE CAPSULES AND FULL REVIEWS OF THESE AND OTHER FILMS, SEE **WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT**

FINGER-PAINTER OF THE JOKE WORLD: A humor editor who published books of jokes by Jay Leno without this permission has agreed to pay damages. "I thought it was important to make it clear that jokes are protected like any other art form," Leno said.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

GOT TWANG?
In **GONE COUNTRY** (8 p.m., CMT, Fri.), Big and Rich star John Rich invites a motley crew of talents to audition as country crooners.

GARTH GIVES
CBS will broadcast **GARTH BROOKS: LIVE IN LA** (9 p.m., CBS, Fri.), one of five shows Brooks has scheduled over a two-day period. All proceeds will go to charity.

FUTURE IN JEOPARDY
After the incident at the movies, Smash faces charges on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

ALERTING ALL FREDS
Three murder victims share the same name on **MONK** (9 p.m., USA, Fri.).

HOW NOT TO BLINK
The contestants face final challenges before the big pageant on **MISS AMERICA: REALITY CHECK** (10 p.m., TLC, Fri.).

¡TRAGEDIA!
On tonight's episode of **PSYCH** (10 p.m., USA, Fri.), Shawn and Gus investigate a murder mystery on the set of a popular Telemundo telenovela.

AND ... MORE PAGEANTRY
After a monthlong boot camp captured in the **MISS AMERICA: REALITY CHECK** (8 p.m., TLC, Sat.) series, the contestants have been subjected to an online popularity test, and home viewers got to decide the 16 finalists.

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FISH BUSTERS: A girl needs saving from an alien blowfish on "Torchwood."

HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!
A change of wardrobe and lots of cash transform a hooker (Julia Roberts) into Cinderella in **PRETTY WOMAN** (8 p.m., ABC, Sat.), the enduringly popular 1990 Cinderella story.

SEXY SCI-FI
Jack (John Barrowman) returns as the popular British sci-fi import **TORCHWOOD** (9 p.m., BBC America, Sat.) enters its second season.

GENIE DOWN UNDER
CHRISTINA AGUILERA: BACK TO BASICS (10 p.m., VH1, Sat.) captures the singer on tour in Australia.

MMM ... GRUNGE
THE SIMPSONS (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.) updates Homer's pop-culture past in another decade with a story about how a college-aged Homer invented grunge, the neopunk sound of the early 1990s, popularized by Nirvana and other bands.

ACTORS RULE!
Actors honor actors at **THE 14TH ANNUAL SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS** (8 p.m., TNT and TBS, Sun.).

BLACK GOLD
The two-hour documentary **CRUDE** (8 p.m., History, Sun.) offers an epic history of oil. This smart, well-produced special puts the emphasis on science and engineering, beginning 160 million years ago.

NEWSROOM BLUES
The paper can't confirm a shocker from City Hall on **THE WIRE** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

PRIM AND PROPER
Billie Piper ("Doctor Who") stars in the "Masterpiece Theatre" (9 p.m., PBS, Sun.) adaptation of Jane Austen's novel **MANSFIELD PARK**.

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STAREDOWN: Fanny, Henry and Edmund face off in "Mansfield Park."

FRENZIED CROWD
A stand-up comic performs in the 2006 special **DANE COOK: VICIOUS CIRCLE** (10 p.m., Comedy Central, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News (N)		NBC Nightly News	Redskins Report	1 vs. 100 (iTV) (N)		Friday Night Lights "Humble Pie" (N)		Las Vegas (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	News (N)	TMZ (N)	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones "A Boy in a Tree"		House "Sex Kills" (PA)		News (N)		News (N)	TMZ
	WJLA 7	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Let the Truth Sting"		(:02) Desperate Housewives		(:02) 20/20 (N)		News (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News (N)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer		Garth Brooks: Live in LA! (N)		NUMB3RS "Hollywood Homicide"		News (N)	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★ "Big Trouble" (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen, Rene Russo.				Every-Raymond	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Slither"	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Inside Wash.	Washington Week	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Mystery: Inspector Lynley Mysteries III			Smart Travels
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS (N)	Pioneers of Television "Variety"		Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy "PTV"	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Losing Face"		CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"		CSI: Miami "MIA/NYC - NonStop"		CSI: Miami "Innocent"		The Sopranos	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter		Profiles of Nature		The Most Extreme	Orangutan Island	Orangutan Island	The A-List (N)	Animal Cops Detroit "Heat Wave"		The Most Extreme	Orangutan Island
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			★★ "Brown Sugar" (2002) Taye Diggs. Childhood friends won't admit they love each other.					Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Hell Date	Hell Date
	Bravo	Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin.				★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin.			
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "The Ladies Man" (2000)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama	Futurama	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		Murder by the Book "Kathy Reichs"	
	Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Jungle"		Fight Quest Indonesian pencak silat.		Fight Quest Mexican boxing.	
	DISCH	Code Blue "Blink of an Eye"		Trauma: Life in the ER "Aloha Spirits"		Diagnosis X "Crashing"		Diagnosis: Unknown "Silent Poison"		Skeleton Stories "Body of Evidence"		Diagnosis X "Crashing"	
	Disney	Cory in the House	Cory in the House	Cory in the House	Cory in the House	"Minutemen" (2008, Comedy) Jason Dolley. Premiere.			Cory in the House	Cory in the House	Cory in the House	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	Court Show	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Kardashians	Kardashians	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	The Soup (N)	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)
	FX	★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin.				★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin.				That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Magda & Jeff"	
	HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Your Style	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold	Parents House
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006, Comedy) Hayden Panettiere.				"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006, Comedy) Hayden Panettiere.				The 700 Club	
	History	Lost Worlds "City of Armageddon"		Modern Marvels: Saws		Tsunami 2004: Waves of Death		Shockwave (N)		A Global Warning? The most dramatic climatic events in Earth's history.			
	Lifetime	Reba	Reba "Switch"	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Good Naked	Good Naked	Top Party: Orange	Party: Vegas	Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Battle of the Sexes Band		Real World -- Road Rules Challenge		MTV Cribs Priciest Pads Countdown		MTV Cribs Priciest Pads Countdown		MTV Cribs Priciest Pads Countdown		MTV Cribs Priciest Pads Countdown	
	NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Back, Barnyard	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	Tak, Power	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "One False Step"		Haunted "Fidelity"		Flash Gordon "Cold Day in Hell" (N)		Stargate Atlantis "Quarantine"		Stargate Atlantis "Harmony" (N)		Flash Gordon "Cold Day in Hell"	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		World's Most Shocking Moments		World's Most Amazing Videos (N)		Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol	
	TBS	Friends	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock. Premiere.					Sex and the City
	TLC	Property Ladder		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Carrie"		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"		Miss America Reality Check (N)		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"	
	TNT	Law & Order (DVS)		Law & Order "Cut" (DVS)		Law & Order "Profiteer"		★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock. Premiere.					Land of the Dead
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk Monk must find a killer. (N)		Psych "Lights, Camera ... Homicidio"		House "Human Error"	
	VHI	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels		Best Week Ever	My Fair Brady	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Best Week Ever	Rock of Love
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons. (Live)					Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live)				SportsCenter
	ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		NFL Live	Boxing: 1989 Dokes vs. Holyfield		Boxing: 1994 Holyfield vs. Moorer		Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Final. From Melbourne, Australia.				Super Bowl
	CSN	SportsNite	SportsNite	NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Washington Wizards. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live)					SportsNite	SportsNite (Live)		Women's College Basketball	
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			
	FNC	Special Report		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Lockup: Holman		MSNBC Reports Flagler Beach, Fla.		Conviction: The Orchard Execution	
MOVIES	AMC	★★ "Sniper" (1993, Action) Tom Berenger, Billy Zane, J.T. Walsh. 'R'				★★★ "Top Gun" (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards. 'PG'					Breaking Bad "Pilot"		★★★ Halloween
	TCM	★★ "The 3 Worlds of Gulliver" (1960, Fantasy) Kerwin Mathews. 'NR'				★★ "Alias Jesse James" (1959) Bob Hope. 'NR'			(:45) ★★★ "Support Your Local Sheriff!" (1969) James Garner. 'G'				Support-Local
	HBO	Harry Potter	Making: Breach	Inside the NFL		The Wire "Not for Attribution"		★ "Norbit" (2007) Eddie Murphy. 'PG-13'			Vince Vaughn	Real Time With Bill Maher	
	MAX	(5:00) Watchers	(:35) ★ "The Marine" (2006) John Cena. 'PG-13'			(:15) ★★ "K-9" (1989, Comedy) James Belushi, Mel Harris. 'PG-13'				★ "The Hitcher" (2007) Sean Bean. 'R'			Coed Confidential
	SHOW	(4:45) Snake Eyes	★★ "The Story of Us" (1999) Bruce Willis. 'R'			(:15) ★★ "Nacho Libre" (2006, Comedy) Jack Black. iTV. 'PG'				The L Word "Lady of the Lake" (iTV)		ShoXC: Elite Challenger Series	
	TMC	The Truman Show	★★ "The Third Wheel" (2002) Luke Wilson. 'PG-13'			★★ "Man About Town" (2006) Ben Affleck. 'R'			(:45) ★★★ "Trainspotting" (1996, Drama) Ewan McGregor. 'R'				Sherrybaby (2006)
	STARZ!	(5:30) ★★★ "The Wedding Singer"		(:10) ★★ "Stick It" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Jeff Bridges. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Déjà Vu" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington. 'PG-13'				(:10) ★★ "The Da Vinci Code"	
	ENCORE	Running Scared	(:20) ★★ "The Shaggy Dog" (2006) Tim Allen. 'PG'			★★★ "The Rock" (1996) Sean Connery. Alcatraz Island terrorists threaten to gas San Francisco.					(:20) ★ "The Glimmer Man" (1996) Steven Seagal. 'R'		

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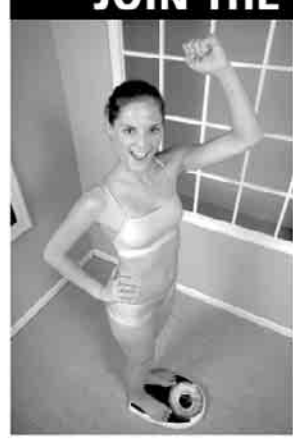

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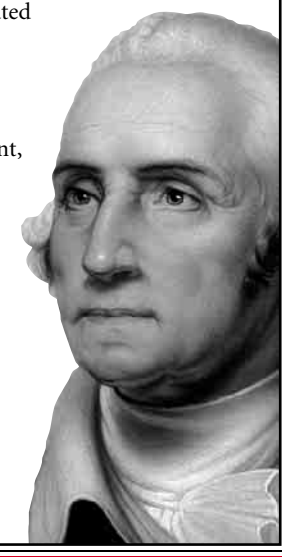

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Plastic Gets the Sack

Shopping

Many grocers are pushing customers to use eco-friendly bags

The inevitable question faced by shoppers at the grocery checkout, how to tote their food home, may soon get simpler.

Faced with a growing push in some states and cities to ban or limit use of plastic bags, many grocers are encouraging consumers to recycle bags or bring their own. At least one, Whole Foods Market Inc., plans to do away with the bags altogether.

But many grocers report that about 90 percent of their shoppers still ask for plastic. And the bag makers, a billion-dollar industry, oppose bans, calling instead for consumers to reuse or recycle the bags. They favor recent legislation that encourages the recycling of bags but don't ban them outright.

Plastic bags have a split personality: They draw shoppers with their durability and light weight, but environmentalists consider them a scourge, tangled in tree branches or swirling in waterways where they can be scarfed up by unsuspecting aquatic creatures.

"Taking that old familiar checkout question 'Paper or plastic?' to 'What type of reusable bag do you have today?' would be great," said Kate Lowery, a spokeswoman for Whole Foods, which said Tuesday it will eliminate all plastic bags from its 270 stores in the United States, Canada and Britain by April.

Some states and municipalities have tried to curb the use of the bags or keep them from becoming litter. The New York City Council passed a law this month requiring stores to collect and recycle bags, following a similar law in California.

Last year, San Francisco passed the nation's first bag ban, which took effect in November. The only plastic bags now allowed for big grocers are made of compostable material. Similar regulations are being considered by cities nationally, though proposals in places like Baltimore and Annapolis, Md., foundered last year.

The United States lags many other countries globally in placing limits on plastic bags. Ireland and Germany levy fees for every bag handed out by stores, and several African nations have set thickness requirements that have effectively banned the flimsy thin bags that float in the air. Earlier this month, China, the world's fastest growing economy, banned free plastic shopping bags and encouraged people to use cloth ones instead.

"This issue is not going away. It is not necessarily going to take over the plastic bag market in a year or two, but it is indicative of a real trend," said Allen Hershkowitz, director of the solid waste program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group.

Plastic bags are a favorite of grocers because of their price, about 2 cents per bag compared to 5 cents for paper. Used widely since the 1970s, environmentalists now estimate between 500 billion to a trillion bags are produced annually worldwide. Made from fossil fuel-based polymers, the bags are virtually indestructible, taking years to break down and commonly ending up in landfills.

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

PACK IT IN: Davon Johnson bags groceries in paper and plastic at a Giant in D.C.

Grocers say they are not deaf to the public's concern about litter, and some have implemented recycling programs and many also sell reusable bags, made from canvas or recycled plastic.

Whole Foods plans to stop offering plastic bags by April 22 — Earth Day — following a trial run at two of its Austin, Texas, stores, Lowery said. Shoppers will still be able to get recycled paper bags, bring their own, or buy reusable bags in the store for 99 cents. About 10,000 reusable bags have been sold at the stores since the change went into effect in December.

But given the choice, many customers still go for the plastic, said Barry Scher, spokesman for Giant Food, owned by Amsterdam-based Royal Ahold NV. Giant is pushing customers to recycle bags using in-store bins.

"In the United States, we are a throwaway society, but we are going to try to change that thought process," he said. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

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MUSIC

Free-Range Post-Jazz

Happy Apple makes hook-laden skronk with wit and muscle — virtues the trio shares with the Bad Plus, with whom it also shares drummer David King. Express contributor Bob Massey spoke with saxophonist Michael Lewis of Happy Apple, which plays the Kennedy Center on Sunday. | COMING UP

ENTERTAINMENT

Punk Is Not Dead

D.C.-based pop-punk band Max Levine Ensemble gives resourceful rebellion a new life with the release of its new CD, "OK Smartypants," at the Black Cat on Sunday. Express contributor Jason Koebler spoke to lead singer David "Spoonboy" Combs. | COMING UP

FREE RIDE

Dr. Dremo's Last Days

Fans of Dr. Dremo's Tap House can finally say goodbye to the unpretentious Arlington watering hole on Sunday. Express' Michael Grass takes a look back at the gritty bar — and a glance ahead at what will replace it. | COMING UP

comment board

"When it comes down to it, I think we can all agree that we surf the Web at work, which, if you get your work done, is totally fine."

COMMENTER MAGGIE, WHO ADDED, "HOWEVER, VIEWING PORN IN THE WORKPLACE IS UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR, PLAIN AND SIMPLE."

"Yes ... way back when the Internet was new and no one cared. These days, no."

COMMENTER SHAWN, WHO ADDED, "ACCIDENTAL HITS ON A PORN SITE WHEN I MISTYPE A WEB ADDRESS DON'T COUNT. BESIDES, WITH FIOS, I HAVE A FASTER CONNECTION AT HOME THAN I DO AT WORK."

"Does looking at Britney [Spears'] crotch shots count as porn? The pantyless ones? Because I've definitely done that."

COMMENTER *OH YEAH*, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "HAVE YOU EVER USED A COMPUTER AT WORK TO SURF THE WEB FOR PORNOGRAPHY?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

HAVE YOU EVER USED A COMPUTER AT WORK TO SURF THE WEB FOR PORNOGRAPHY?

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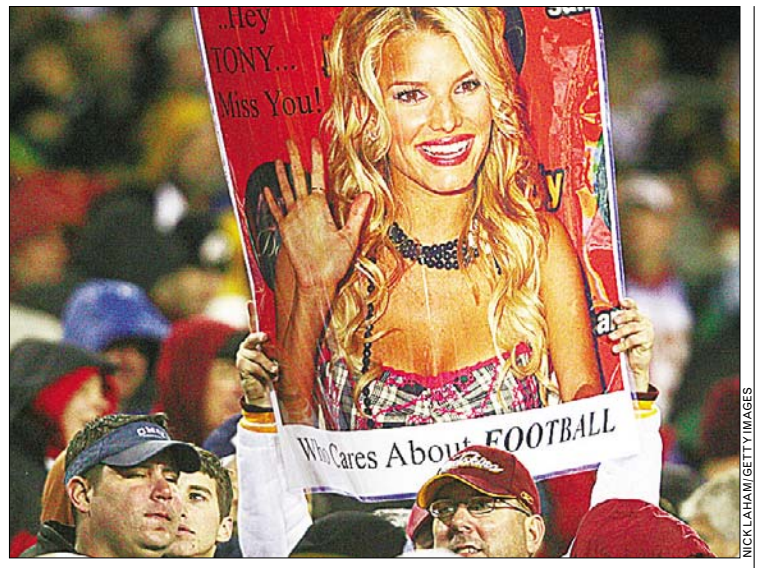
Blog LOG

"The title of the new James Bond film has just been announced, and it's so bad we think we might cry."

HECKLERSPRAY.COM SAYS OF "QUANTUM OF SOLACE": "THAT'S WHAT THE COMBINED BRAINPOWER OF AN OSCAR-WINNING WRITER, TWO VETERAN 'JAMES BOND' WRITERS AND A TEAM OF EXPERT PRODUCERS HAVE COME UP WITH."



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"[T]o tell the truth, I'm so sick of this whole thing I feel like hitting myself repeatedly in the head with a circus mallet."

SPORTS BLOGGER **DEADSPIN.COM** IS GROWING TIRED OF FOLLOWING THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DALLAS COWBOYS' TONY ROMO AND SINGER-ACTRESS JESSICA SIMPSON.

"[A]N AVERAGE OF 200 TIMES per workday? 39,000 times each? I ... I ... can't even conceive. Wouldn't that require doing literally nothing but viewing porn from the moment you got to work to the moment you left at night?"

THEDCUNIVERSE.BLOGSPOT.COM IS SHOCKED BY THE FINDINGS OF A D.C. GOVERNMENT PROBE INTO THE UNAUTHORIZED COMPUTER ACTIVITIES OF SOME EMPLOYEES.

"EVERYWHERE I GO, it seems, I run into someone obsessed with the Food Network. I don't see the appeal — I love food, sure, but watching people cook holds zero interest."

CREATIVEDC.ORG IS NOT INTO THE CABLE NETWORK DEVOTED TO FOOD.

"ROMNEY HAS THE MONEY and has done the groundwork. Giuliani has done the groundwork, but he's scraping. He wins here or he's gone. McCain is riding pure momentum."

A COMMENTER AT THE RIGHT-LEANING **CAPTAINSQUARTERSBLOG.COM** ASSESSES THE STATE OF CAMPAIGNING IN FLORIDA.

Discussions

Sundance Festival

Post staff writer **WILLIAM BOOTH** was online Thursday from Park City, Utah, to discuss the movie news from the celebrated independent film festival.

Did you see Morgan Spurlock's film? What did you think?

I did. His film is called "Where in the World is Osama bin Laden?" Morgan goes on a journey of discovery through the Middle East, where he learns that Muslims are just people, too. It's a funny, accessible documentary. He uses tricks like video game imagery to present information. But, umm, he doesn't find Osama — so the CIA is safe for now.

Is there any talk at Sundance about Heath Ledger? I would imagine so.

There were a lot of folks talking about Heath Ledger. On the afternoon and then the evening of the news, I would keep hearing — in the lobbies, on the shuttles, at a screening — as people looked at their crackberries or cells, they'd go, "Oh, wow, Heath Ledger is ... dead." And then people would say the same things everybody is saying: He was young; what happened? And because it's Sundance, some would speculate about release dates for his movies.

I read that movies out there are finally being bought up and things look good now. Which ones have sparked interest? Any buzz on any particular ones?

Indeed, it was a slow start. The buzz was, "Oh, my, nobody is buying." Then the sales began. Movies such as "Henry Poole Is Here" sold. It stars the ubiquitous Luke Wilson. "Hamlet 2" also was bought, and it was a crowd pleaser. It's a comedy with Steve Coogan, a Sundance god, who is a failed actor staging a sequel to "Hamlet" in a high school.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Security Fix blogger Brian Krebs answers your questions about the latest computer security threats at 11 a.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

DON'T

EXPECT 'SLUGGING' TO STOP, VIRGINIA. A new survey by the Virginia shows that "slugging" won't fade when HOV lanes are converted to HOT lanes. More than 3,000 residents surveyed said they don't plan to stop picking up or riding with strangers.

Look out

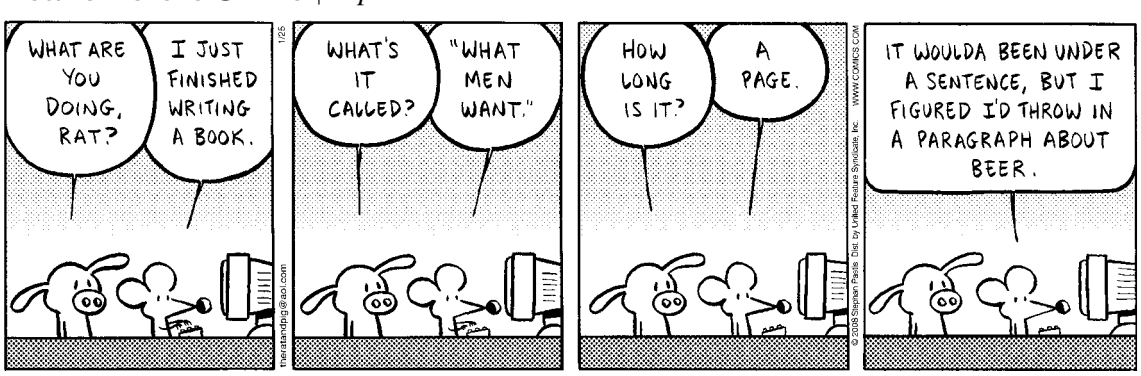
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"A few of us are getting together after work for a little R&R. If you've got a blankie, you're welcome to join us."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Hopes and dreams are more complex than usual at this time, and you will have to keep things in perspective carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The stars have a surprise in store — but your reaction to it will prove more important in the long run than the surprise itself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may find yourself waiting for someone to call or write with an important message. Use the time to your advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have a house guest who challenges the way you think about the most routine and mundane affairs in and around the home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may lose contact temporarily with someone who is instrumental in keeping you on an emotionally even keel. Don't panic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your search for answers may yield nothing but another very big question — but when that is answered, you will have solved a major problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Romantic possibilities heat up, and you must take care that you're not getting yourself into something that will be painful later on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a good day to focus on recreation of any kind. After dark, entertainment can bring a number of surprises from which you will benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You and a friend may be temporarily incompatible at this time. It's all right to keep your distance, but be prepared to forgive and forget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can turn back the hands of time and find yourself enjoying something that you thought had passed from your life long ago.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll see the light at the end of the tunnel before the day is out. Take care, however, that you don't try to wrap things up prematurely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Concentrate on balancing reason with feeling, and all will be well. Surround yourself with those who bring out the best in you.

Letters

D.C. Government Woes Mount

IN THE WAKE of news that nine D.C. government employees will be fired and 32 other city employees will be disciplined for viewing porn on city computers ("D.C. to Fire 9 for Porn Surfing," Jan. 24), Attorney General Peter Nickles attempted to calm public outrage by assuring that "this is not at all typical" of the D.C. work force. But was it atypical? In addition to the viewing of porn at work, recent news stories have highlighted horrible mismanagement, agency inefficiencies and, of course, the theft of millions of dollars by city officials and employees. Do top city officials, including Mayor Adrian Fenty and Nickles, wonder why the public continues to view alleged efforts to improve the D.C. bureaucracy with ever-increasing skepticism?

—RICHARD PARKER
Washington, D.C.

Correction:

Thursday's "Today in History" incorrectly stated the California gold rush occurred in 1949. It occurred in 1849.

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1947 American gangster Al Capone dies at age 48.

1971 Charles Manson and three women followers are convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

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FORMALITY

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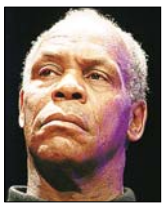

DANNY GLOVER has been convicted in Niagara Falls, Ontario, for trespassing in a hotel during a union rally in 2006. Glover, who wasn't in court, was convicted Thursday. The 60-year-old actor took part in the protest as part of a larger campaign that aims to increase salaries. (AP)

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YOU BE THE JUDGE

Judy Garland or Courtney Love?

AMY WINEHOUSE, beset by allegations of substance abuse, entered a rehabilitation facility Thursday to battle drug addiction. The announcement came just days after the 24-year-old singer was pictured in the (U.K.) Sun inhaling fumes from a small pipe. (AP)

POLLUTION

Smug, Smog; What's the Diff? It's All Killing L.A.

PETER KRAMER/AP

He put on goggles, then airbrushed his face beige.

Blogger **PEREZ HILTON** is entitled to nearly $85,000 to pay his legal costs in a defamation lawsuit brought by a friend of Lindsay Lohan's. Samantha Ronson was a passenger in Lohan's car when it crashed into a tree in Beverly Hills in May. She sued Hilton for repeating on his Web site a report from another site stating that she planted cocaine that was found in Lohan's car. The judge removed Hilton from the lawsuit last November after the blogger's attorneys argued he was protected by free speech rights. (AP)

CHARITY

Blah, Blah, Blah Gimmick

STEPHEN COLBERT's "WristStrong" bracelets have raised $171,525 since the host began selling them as part of his "wrist awareness" campaign, started shortly after he broke his left wrist last June. On Wednesday night's "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central, the comedian presented the proceeds to the Yellow Ribbon Fund. (AP)

UNWISE

'Nino Forever' Doesn't Quite Have the Same Flair

EVA LONGORIA — oh, sorry, **EVA LONGORIA-PARKER** — has apparently defiled herself permanently out of love for husband Tony Parker. According to People.com, she was spotted with a somewhat difficult-to-read tattoo of the word "nine" — Parker's jersey number on the San Antonio Spurs. (EXPRESS)

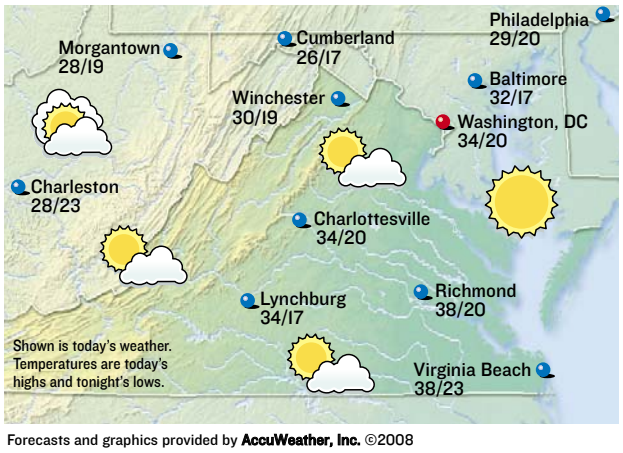
DANIEL BEREHULAK/GETTY IMAGES

She got a tattoo of a dowdy blouse?

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny, cold	Increasingly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, not as cold	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, rain possible
34°	20°	41° / 27°	44° / 28°	48° / 32°	51° / 36°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	42°
Low	28°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	44%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.31"
Normal month to date	2.51"
Year to date	1.31"
Last year to date	2.41"
Normal year to date	2.51"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

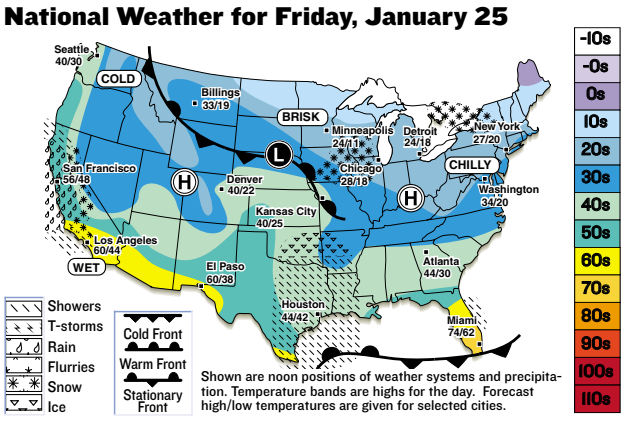
D.C. Metro: Today, sunny, cold. High 34. Wind north-northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, increasingly cloudy, cold. Low 20. Wind west 3-6 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:21 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:59 p.m.
Moonset today	9:03 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 30	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20

National Weather for Friday, January 25



National Cities

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Atlanta	44/30/pc	56/35/pc
Boston	26/16/s	36/20/pc
Chicago	28/18/c	30/20/sn
Dallas	46/35/i	62/42/pc
Denver	40/22/s	45/23/s
Honolulu	78/68/s	80/67/pc
Los Angeles	60/44/sh	62/44/r
Miami	74/62/pc	76/63/pc
New York City	27/20/s	36/26/pc
Orlando	65/49/pc	73/49/pc
Seattle	40/30/c	41/35/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	45/36/pc	46/39/pc
Athens	52/43/s	54/43/pc
Berlin	37/30/c	41/32/pc
Buenos Aires	88/72/pc	86/73/c
Calgary	20/9/pc	23/13/pc
Dublin	50/39/pc	52/41/pc
Geneva	46/28/s	54/34/s
Moscow	30/25/sn	34/27/sn
Rome	59/37/s	61/39/s
Sydney	75/63/pc	81/66/s
Tokyo	45/33/s	42/34/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

CROSSWORD | HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

ACROSS
1 Cowpoke's tool
6 Tombstone lawman
10 Appropriate anagram of "Bart"
14 Pitcher of a sort
15 Morales of "La Bamba"
16 In ___ of
17 Prominent position in Hollywood
19 End-of-wk. exclamation
20 Part of aka
21 Pass leading to a score
23 On everyone's A-list
24 Geisha sash
26 Low gray cloud
28 Scandinavian capital
33 Exercise regimen from India
34 Beverage in a Maugham title
35 Ones in a flight pattern
37 Smallish weight measurement
40 Places to play oldies
42 Campaign funding grp.
43 Beeped
44 "Sure," slangily
45 California/Nevada lake
47 Headed the parade, e.g.
48 Pound sound
50 Type of call
52 Computer adjunct
55 General on a Chinese menu
56 Palillo of "Welcome Back, Kotter"
57 Oozed
60 Levin et al.
64 Move bit by bit
66 Do-or-die business concern
68 Vichyssoise veggie
69 Prevaricator
70 Film star Davis
71 "Folk" follower
72 "If all ___ fails ..."
73 Timber-dressing tools

DOWN
1 Pro ___ (proportionately)
2 One with adoring fans
3 Sound projectors
4 Prohibited practices
5 Folk rock's DiFranco
6 Snaky swimmers
7 Sales condition
8 Indian queens
9 Messy room
10 Deli specialty
11 Square feature
12 Five essential things to become facetious
13 Clumps of hair
18 Cleo or Frankie
22 Some police personnel
25 Fat cats
27 Water, in Mexico
28 German chemist Otto
29 "The Last Tycoon" director Kazan
30 Certain hockey player
31 Retained
32 Fashion designer
Mizrahi
36 Identical response
38 Straight ones earn a 2.0
39 Whirlpool
41 Desktop picture
46 Surpass
49 Weak, as an excuse
51 Labored
52 Shampoo brand
53 California drive
54 Smear on more grease
58 Education gps.
59 Raison d'___
61 "Puttin' on the ___"
62 Pay for a hand
63 Gets a load of
65 ___ out (make do)
67 Exec's degree

Yesterday's Solution

E	S	S		A	D	H	E	R	E		S	L	A	B
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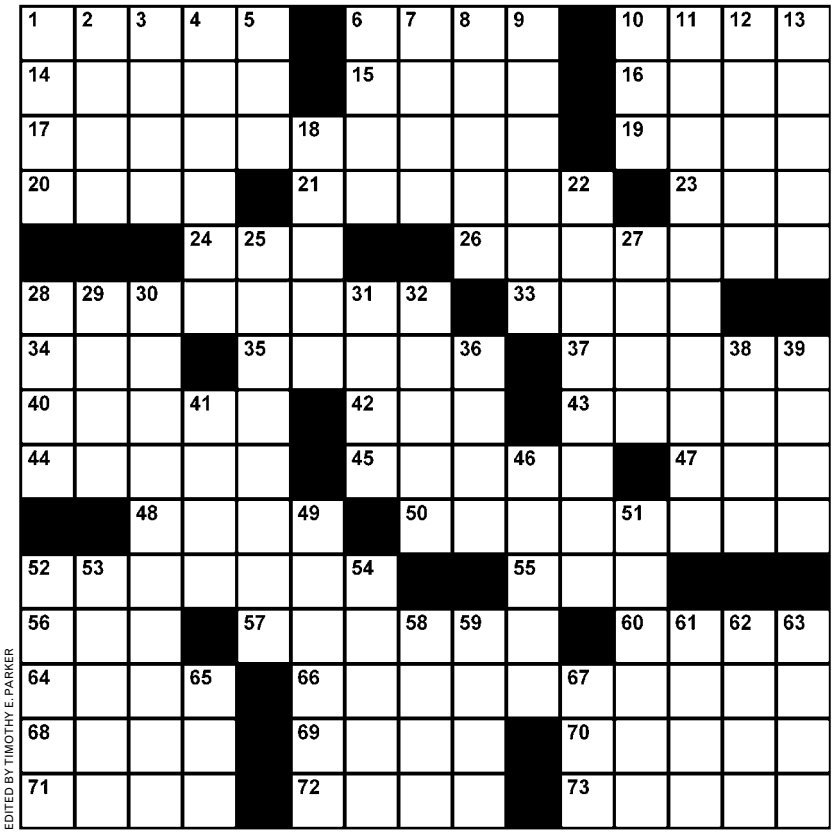

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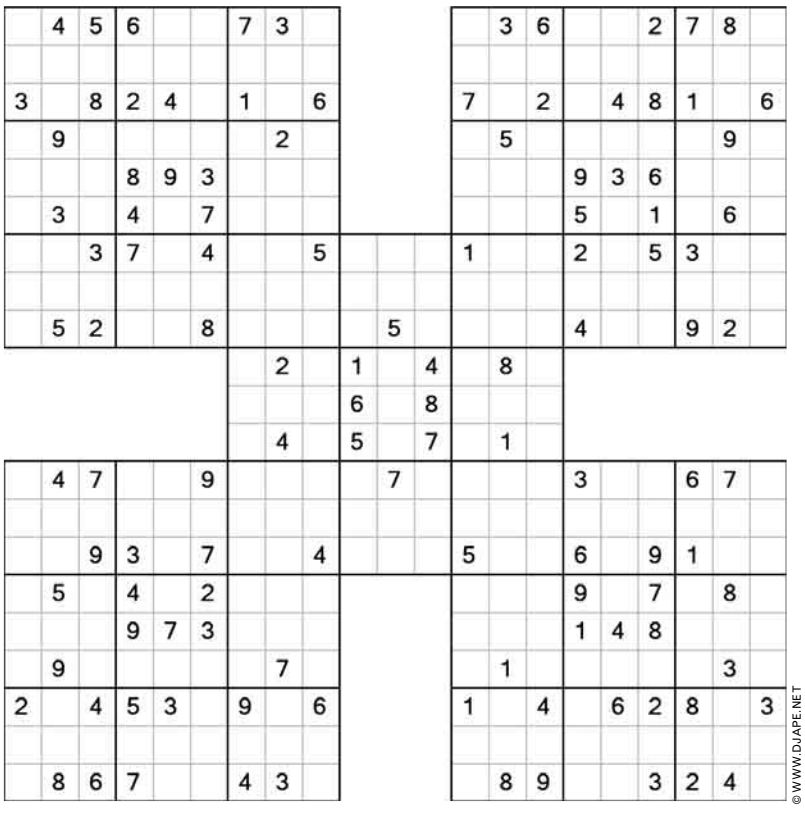
SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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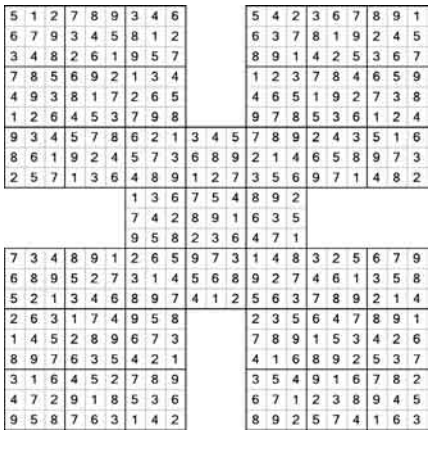
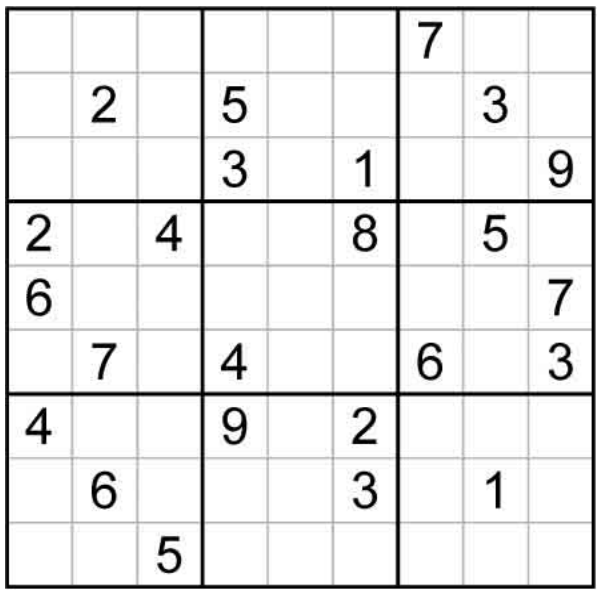
Last Week's Solution



CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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Yesterday's Solution

5	9	8	7	3	6	1	2	4
3	6	2	4	9	1	8	5	7
4	7	1	8	2	5	3	6	9
1	8	5	9	7	2	6	4	3
6	4	7	5	1	3	9	8	2
2	3	9	6	8	4	7	1	5
9	1	4	3	5	8	2	7	6
8	5	3	2	6	7	4	9	1
7	2	6	1	4	9	5	3	8

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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Styles

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Nice Perk: Paige Davis on 'Trading Spaces' and her pad | **E2**

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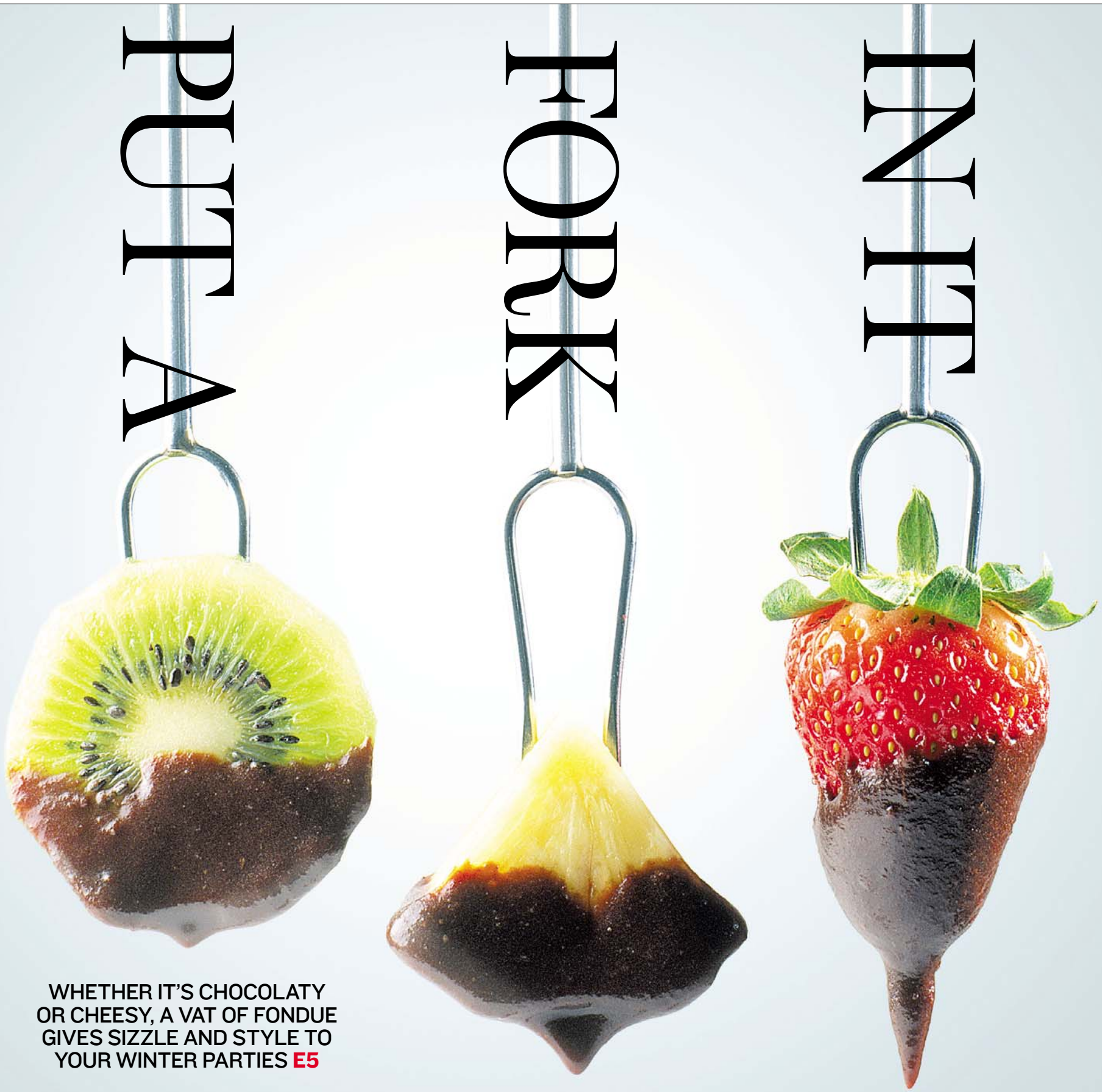

WHETHER IT'S CHOCOLATY OR CHEESY, A VAT OF FONDUE GIVES SIZZLE AND STYLE TO YOUR WINTER PARTIES **E5**

GETTY IMAGES

face Q+A time

When TLC's "Trading Spaces" went to a no-host format back in 2005, many viewers reacted like homeowners on the show who'd seen their basements made over with black walls and disco balls. But as the seminal redo fest returns for Season 6 (Saturday at 10 p.m.), popular emcee Paige Davis is back, paintbrush in hand and perky personality intact. We caught up with her about her own home and what to expect on the show.

What's the scariest thing about being back on "Trading Spaces"?
That no one will watch! No, really, there's nothing that scares me.

What will viewers find different about Season 6?
They've hit on a way to update it. Now our homeowners have real reasons to trade spaces. One example is these two moms whose daughters were best friends when they were young. Now these kids are 13, and they've grown apart. So, they redo each other's family rooms in the hope that the girls will bond.

Does being on the show make you look at your own place differently?
I'm not afraid to try new things. I don't go into a store and pick the floor model. I'm braver with color. I used to be tamer.

What styles do you like now?
I don't mean to dis Pottery Barn — I still go in there. But I used to rely too much on the standards of what everyone was calling contemporary. Doing the show, I learned what contemporary really meant. Now I'm much more inclined to want pieces in acrylic or Lucite — that stuff turns me on! I love its shine and sleekness, and I don't think it's weird.

Does that lead to decor disasters?
I haven't changed very much in my home recently, but a couple of years ago, we'd just moved, and I made one big mistake: I painted a wall red, and I don't even like red! My husband and I had moved into this apartment, and I was going to be out of town working a lot. I didn't want to leave him in a boring space.

What's your fave room at home?
The bathroom — I call it the jewel of the apartment. The colors are cool — like sea green and blue.

TLC

Paige Davis

'TRADING SPACES' HOST, ACTRESS, DOG LOVER

Of all the DIY skills you've learned on the show, which is most helpful?
Using a drill! Boy, those things are amazing — to think that I'd always done things by hand. I use a drill every day to drill a hole or something. I think that's one of the neat things about "Trading Spaces" — you see ordinary people doing things that seem so foreign, like a suburban mom using power tools. It makes it less intimidating.

> "I want pieces in acrylic or Lucite — that stuff turns me on! I love its sleekness."

What's the best outfit to wear while doing a home redo?
Nothing too dressy. I tend to wear jeans. They're sturdy and rugged and they seem appropriate. And I try to go for something I can move in that isn't too hot. When you're working, you get hot. On the show, I sometimes try to match the colors or themes in one of the rooms we're working on.

You've got a dog. How do you keep your apartment looking good with her around?
I'm fortunate that I have a Maltese, and they don't get as dirty as other dogs. She also goes on a wee-wee pad when it's raining outside.

Would you ever trade spaces with anyone?
I don't think so. Even that experience where Nate Berkus redid my apartment on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" terrified me. My husband and I got kicked out. It was hard to let go of that control.

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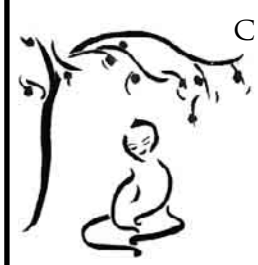
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3 Lettuce Serve You

LIKE A PEZ DISPENSER, but for salad dressing, Crate and Barrel's Pump Oil and Vinegar bottle ($17, Crateandbarrel.com) means never telling a bowl of Romaine you're sorry for drowning it in Hidden Valley again. Just squeeze the thingy's silicone side to spew liquid in drips or gobs.

Grab Bag

5 Local Cocoa

HOW DO YOU improve on gourmet hot chocolate? ('Cause there's a lot of it.) Make it a production! D.C.-based Divine's new fair-trade, Ghana-grown cocoa ($5.50, Agreatergift.org) requires numerous, intriguing steps, like "mix one tsp. with a little cold milk to make a smooth paste." But the hearty, bitter-in-a-coffeelike-way drink is worth the work.

1 Pictures, Picked

A BOUQUET of roses lasts only a couple days, and it'll cost a chunk of change this close to Valentine's Day. But if you give someone Umbra's Foflowers — a group of metal picture frames on sticks ($10.50, Umbra.com) — there's no wilting or overpriced delivery charge . Stuff the slots with images of dogs, yourself or, heck, Zac Efron. They can even be mixed in with real flowers.

4 A Quirk of Nature

IF THE MAD HATTER had moved to Silverlake or Brooklyn, he'd probably pour Oolong from Jason Miller's "seconds" teapot ($95, Velocityartanddesign.com). Upside-down birds and poorly centered flowers festoon his line of demure pots and cups that are purposefully not quite right — and entirely charming.

2 Heel Thyself

WATCHING THE SUPER BOWL and liking shoes aren't mutually exclusive. So, it's a good thing that the Fantasy Foot Ball ($65, Thefantasyfootball.net) takes place this Sunday, not next. The femme event at the Four Seasons (2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW) features pedis, cocktails and merch from shoe stores and local designers like Gigi Favela (pump shown).

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

In March, I'll be accompanying my husband on a business trip to Australia. What would you recommend for lots of walking and sightseeing? – JENNIE

■ Manolo says, ayyyy! The Manolo loves Australia! Or perhaps, more correctly, the Manolo loves the idea of Australia, as sadly the Manolo has never himself made the trip to the land of the antipodean marsupials, where kangaroos and Crocodile Dundees roam the land in impressive herds.

Yes, the national fashion stereotype is of the rustic "swagman" of "jackaroo" in the khaki shorts, dirty singlet and cork hat, giant can of Foster's in his hand, work boots on his feets. But the Manolo would suggest, to the contrary, that any nation that has produced the celebrities Hugh Jackman, Baz Luhrmann and Dame Edna Everage clearly has much to offer in the way of the super-fantastic.

As for his friend, the Manolo recommends to her the Cole Haan Air Gabi Boat Shoe ($159, Zappos.com) in the color called Cranberry Satin. It is the gorgeous little reinterpretation of the classic that would be prefect for the casual sort travelling that she proposes.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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Styles | home

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(1) Sweet and Swedish in feel, Williams-Sonoma Home's trad chair looks new covered in gingham. Put it in a countrified bedroom. ($1,250, Wshome.com) **(2) Make a foyer** or den boutique-hotel fab with CB2's striped, winged love seat. ($900, Cb2.com) **(3) Danish design king** Hans J. Wegner sketched the plans for this easy, ergonomic beauty in 1960, but it just recently went into production. It's practically a museum piece, which explains the high price. ($4,320, Roomandboard.com) **(4) If our Founding Fathers** had been able to recline in their wing chairs (like this leather number from Room and Board) they might've been too relaxed to revolt against England. ($1,900, Roomandboard.com) **(5) Rugged fiber** woven around a wood frame gives Crate and Barrel's piece a Key West 'tude. ($599, Crateandbarrel.com). A pair at either end of a dining table screams beach house.

Armed & Dangerous

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There are no colonial snapshots to support this, but George Washington probably once sat in a wing chair. Tall-backed with armrests and wings or "cheeks" meant to fight drafts, they were the 17th century's hippest, comfiest seats. Designers have now revived them, only this time wing chairs are more Penn Quarter pad than Mount Vernon parlor. Their sculptural lines and old-meets-new vibe punches up any room . And such seats are far more useful than other throwbacks, like powdered wigs or muskets. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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They try to try to make us go for rehab.

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We Heart Hard Hats

■ The buzz of saws. The slap of plaster. The Brooklynese quibbling of beefy contractors. The sounds on DIY Network's new **UNDER CONSTRUCTION** (Tues. at 9 p.m.) are so interesting, it'd almost be a good podcast. But then we wouldn't get to see John DeSilvia, left, and his partner John Palanca, right, as their construction firm pours foundations, rips down walls and commands an earthmover. DeSilvia, a mildly hunky ringer for Scott Baio, loves to ham for the cam. But it's all good, dirty fun — and you might learn how to use a level. J.B.

BOOKS

Riding on the Retro

■ Those wanting girly, flea market decor usually have two choices: Go to Paris, spend many euros; go to Anthropologie, spend many dollars. **"VINTAGE VAVOOM: ROMANTIC DECORATING WITH ONE-OF-A-KIND FINDS"** ($35, Clarkson Potter) offers cheaper retro home ideas (pile shells in a rusty wire basket, make an old teapot into a clock). But some stuff — a lampshade covered in tacky fake flowers — would scare the boys away. J.B.

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The Melting Point

Want to heat up a party? Fix chocolate or cheese fondue

When someone says fondue, do you automatically think of 1970s "Stepford Wives" in flowing caftans swirling their skinny forks in avocado green pots?

While spear-as-you-go vats of oozing cheese, molten chocolate and savory broths might've received the most press during the Nixon era, the concept of dunking food in melted or heated dip has been around since ancient times — there's even a mention of a blend of wine, goat cheese and barley in "The Iliad."

These days, going to (fondue) pot is quite literally a hot way to dine, whether it's at home or at restaurants like New York's Artisanal and Arlington's new Grand Cru Wines (4401 Wilson Blvd.). There's an intimacy to gathering around the cute little vessels with loved ones and sharing a meal, bite after yummy bite. Just know that the fondue fork that guides food into the sauce or broth is for dipping only — it's bad form to eat off it. Transfer the morsel to your plate and chomp it from a different fork.

French-speaking regions of Switzerland are credited with popularizing the gooey dish. Bethesda's Maja Wildermuth, 58, a staffer in the Embassy of Switzerland's cultural section, grew up on cheese fondue back home in Zurich. Now she uses a pot from her homeland to create a trad fondue with Emmenthaler, Gruyere, dry white wine and a touch of cornstarch to ensure a smooth, thick consistency.

When it comes to dunking, Wildermuth gets creative. "I cube green apples and serve raw zucchini slices," she says. "You could offer little tomatoes, or chunks of whole-grain bread, though white bread chunks are the most traditional." Bite-size pieces of almost any bread, veggie or fruit can be swirled in cheese fondue — just be sure the tidbits are sturdy enough to withstand a fromage bath.

To get cheese fondue that's tastier than those dips made with Velveeta, Cheesetique (2403 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-706-5300) owner Jill Erber suggests pairing "a good base melter" like Gruyere or Emmenthaler with a second, unexpected queso such as Parmesan or Jarlsberg for flavor.

Blue cheese offers a nice kick, she says, and washed-rind Italian Taleggio creates "an incredible silky texture." Just be sure to cut the rinds or wax off your cheese before plopping it in the pot. Erber left the rind on some Brie she was melting once. "I thought using the rind would give the fondue some tooth," she says. "But it looked gross with chunks in it. People had to dip around it."

A splash of kirsch (cherry brandy) is traditional in cheese fondue, but white wine or beer would also enhance a recipe's smoothness and taste. You can go hooch-free.

Even the war-hating Swiss fight over the layer of crispy fromage lurking at the bottom of an empty cheese fondue pot. It's called la religieuse, French for "the nun." Pry it loose with a fork — and try to share.

Some fondues involve cooking and dipping. Broth or oil is kept at a simmer in the pot, providing a bath in which to heat chunks of poultry, fish or beef. Lou Seibert Pappas, author of "Fondue" ($15, Chronicle), borrows from global kitchens when making these sorts of dishes. Think Beef Teriyaki Fondue (sake-perked broth used to cook sirloin) or Indonesian Turkey Sate cooked in curry-infused hot oil.

One recent New Year's Eve, Teresa Schofield, 32, a public affairs pro from Alexandria, threw a fondue party with her husband, Mark, and another couple. The dark chocolate and Gruyere cheese fondues tasted great, she says, but cooking chicken and beef in hot oil was "a bit more of a hassle," especially when it came to ensuring the meat was done.

Most dessert fondues involve chocolate, which oozes almost as yummily as cheese. But Pappas' book suggests a few unusual alternatives — a caramel-pecan concoction for apple slices and a blackberry-balsamic vinegar blend to submerge macaroons into.

Though whipping up fondue is simple, it is one of those culinary feats that requires gear, aka The Pot. Look for a heavy-bottomed one with a mouth wide enough to accommodate four or five fondue forks at most (otherwise, the fondue cools too quickly). It'll also need room beneath for an old-fashioned Sterno can — light it and it gives off melty heat. Calphalon and Bodum both make sets powered by the tiny-but-toasty guys ($90-$150, Crateandbarrel.com).

Some models no longer even require the often-temperamental canned heat. "I bought an electric fondue pot," says Pappas. "It's a joy, because you can control the temperature with ease."

Plug-in pots and fondue mixes (sold at Cafe Mozart, 1331 H St. NW; 202-347-5732) mean even non-cooks can get bubbling. Just don't be shocked if pals start calling you the fondude. AMY ROGERS NAZAROV

POT SNAPSHOT

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Tuscan Fondue

SERVES 4-6

- 1 1/2 cups dry white wine
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups shredded Fontina cheese
- 1 cup shredded Asiago cheese
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- Dippers: crimini mushrooms, trimmed and halved; small cooked artichoke hearts, halved; red or gold cherry tomatoes; and/or bread sticks, broken into bite-size pieces.

IN A FONDUE pot over medium heat, heat the wine and garlic until bubbles form. Toss the cheese lightly with the cornstarch until evenly coated. Gradually add the cheeses to the pot, a handful at a time, stirring each time until the cheeses are completely melted. Serve with bowls of the vegetables and bread sticks for dipping.

> FONDUE HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE ANCIENT TIMES — THERE'S EVEN A MENTION OF A BLEND OF WINE, CHEESE AND BARLEY IN 'THE ILIAD.'"

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Q What's your favorite activity to do in the winter?

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1. "Drinking. It's my favorite warm-weather activity, too," Joe Callahan. **2. "Skiing. I don't like snow, but I like to go fast,"** Lenore Champagne. **"Snowboarding. I've always been into extreme sports,"** Paul Beirne. **3. "Ice-fishing,"** Elle Hogan. **4. "Snowboarding. Always in cold temperatures,"** Francis Dirren, left. **"Snuggling up with my love munchkin,"** James Carton. **5. "Skiing. It's a fun way to bring friends and family together,"** Thomas Stevens, left. **"Hiking, because it's a whole different landscape when it's cold outside. Especially in the mountains,"** Andrew Zoeller. **6. "Sleeping. I hate cold weather, and I just want to hibernate through the whole season,"** Josh Landun, left. **"Ice-skating,"** John Eick. **7. "I like to drink a whole bunch of champagne and watch TV,"** Carolina Cely. **"Sledding,"** Matt Brosico. **8. "Drinking bourbon,"** Lee Smith.

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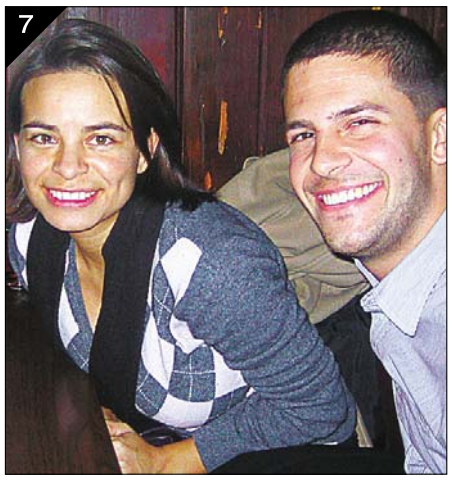
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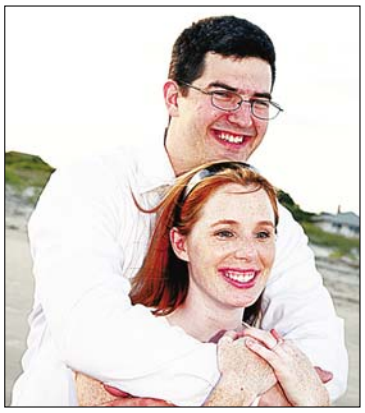


Whitney Havens, Devon Miller

Whitney, 28, is a senior analyst for the Government Accountability Office. Devon, 27, is an analyst at the Joint Warfare Analysis Center. They will live in Alexandria.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony and reception on Oct. 4 in Lexington, Ky. A family friend will officiate.

■ **How They Met:** A graduate school party at Whitney's house to welcome new University of Kentucky students. "He was the cutest boy there, so I asked for his number," says Whitney.

■ **First Date:** "We watched one of my favorite movies, 'The Boondock Saints,'" says Devon.

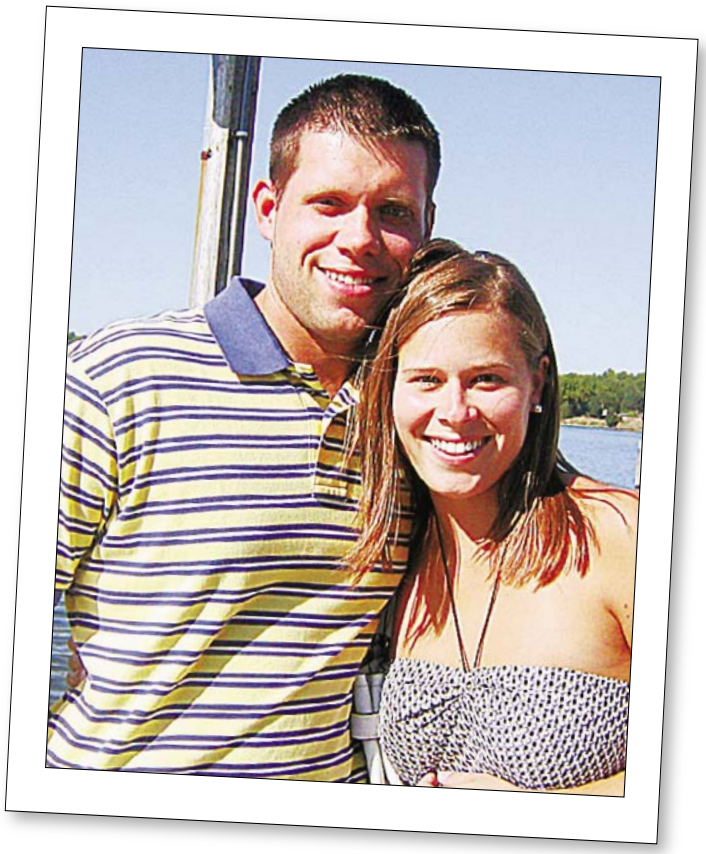
■ **How He Proposed:** While vacationing with Whitney's family on the Isle of Palms, S.C., Devon says, he took Whitney "completely by surprise when I interrupted a family photo and pulled out the ring."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "I absolutely hate her Barry Manilow T-shirt," says Devon. "I would really like to burn his orange sweatshirt," says Whitney.

■ **Their Song:** Earth, Wind & Fire's "September." "It was playing one night when we went dancing, and Whitney loved the song," says Devon. "Later, she referenced it as the 'aiee ai, eh, eh, eh, eh, eh, eh' song."

■ **Making It Unique:** "We're having a 'candy bar' at the reception," says Whitney. Faves like Twizzlers and "lots of chocolate" will be included.

"We were apart for a couple months and it was too long."



Call It a Reunion of Sorts

MEGHAN FAUL and **BRANDON HANCE** first met at the Front Page during the 2005 Nightmare on M Street Bar Crawl ... or so they thought. Before that night, the St. Mary's College of Maryland alums had been in the same marketing class. (She was a sophomore; he was a senior.) "I don't remember Brandon, but he remembers me," says Meghan. "She was a teacher's pet, and I barely went to class!" he recalls. Regardless, things went well for the brown-noser and the slacker on their first date, at McCormick & Schmick's. Two years later, Brandon took Meghan back to their alma mater to propose by the waterfront. "I was afraid she might drop the ring in the water, and it wasn't insured yet!" She didn't, and they'll wed in a ceremony officiated by Meghan's uncle in Ridgefield, Conn., on Oct. 18. The tables at the reception will be named after St. Mary's campus sites. "There will be a picture on each table of Brandon and I at all the spots," says Meghan.

Meghan, 24, works in human resources. Brandon, 27, works for the federal government. They live in Arlington.

Thaddeus Cooks Portia Jackson

Thaddeus, 30, is a network analyst. Portia, 22, is a business development associate. They live in Largo.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in Rockville on Aug. 31. Thaddeus' uncle will officiate; the couple will jump the broom after exchanging vows they wrote themselves.

■ **How They Met:** While being bookish at Borders' L Street location. "I was doing some browsing during my lunch break, and he was on his lunch break, too," says Portia. "He came over and sparked a conversation." They talked about their college majors — it turned out they both studied psychology.

■ **First Impression:** "'It's a wonderful thing to see a sexy woman in a bookstore,'" thought Thaddeus. "Beauty and brains."

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■ **First Date:** Lunch at Hooters. "It was one of his favorite spots to eat at for lunch, and I had never been," says Portia. "I thought it would be interesting to see what all the hype was about."

■ **How He Proposed:** As Portia soaked in a hotel room tub last New Year's Eve, Thaddeus played Michael Jackson's "The Lady in My Life" before dropping to one knee.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** Speaking of Michael Jackson, Thaddeus wants Portia's "Thriller" jacket to go.

April Downs, Luis Folgar

April, 26, is an economist. Luis, 25, is a director of business development. They live in Reston.

■ **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony followed by a formal reception in San Salvador, El Salvador, on April 12. The Mass will be celebrated in English and Spanish. The next morning they'll host a beachside brunch.

■ **Honeymoon:** Roatan Island, off the coast of Honduras.

■ **How They Met:** She really would have been lost with out him. While a junior at Virginia Tech, April couldn't find her way home from a party. "I flagged Luis down in the parking lot for some directions," she says. "It was love at first sight."

■ **First Date:** "A fraternity party with a 40s theme," says Luis. "Everyone brings 40s and gets wasted."

■ **How He Proposed:** Dan Brown would be proud. While at dinner, Luis presented April with a "Da Vinci Code"-style cryptex. "I had to decode the words on the cryptex to get the scroll from inside," says April. "The scroll was a very sweet poem and clue that told me where to go." After deciphering what she could, April walked outside the restaurant and soon discovered Luis on one knee in a pondside gazebo.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "We argued over how many continents there are," says April. "I said seven, and Luis says six. We never resolved that."

■ **When They Knew:** "When he took me to El Salvador to meet his family," says April. For Luis, it was when they met: "She tried to talk to me in Spanish and all she could say was, 'La camisa es roja [The shirt is red].'"

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Slumber Parties to Sales

On HGTV, house hunters can bunk down before they buy a dwelling

With two kids and a mother-in-law crammed into their Olney townhouse, Sage and Nancy Maas decided it was time to go house hunting.

But the couple, who moved to the D.C. area after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina, soon ran into a problem — Nancy Maas liked the idea of a pad in urban Takoma Park, but "my husband was pushing rural," she explains.

So, to convince her of the joys of country living, they didn't just scope out a Carroll County abode; they took the whole family to spend the night there, making s'mores by a fire, playing around the pond and cooking breakfast with eggs from the neighbor's chickens.

The Maas clan's unusual slumber party experience came courtesy of the new HGTV show "Sleep on It," which promotes the idea that savvy shoppers can really get to know a house only by living in it. (Catch the next episode Jan. 30 at 10:30 p.m.)

Producer Steve Edelman stumbled upon the idea when he read a New York Times story in December 2005. High-end real estate agents were giving buyers an extra push to part with their millions by allowing them to crash at lavish beach houses. "But I thought, 'Wouldn't this be an interesting opportunity for everyday people?'" he says.

Now that the real estate market is stumbling, not soaring, there's a chance that the show — which debuted earlier this month — could make this concept leap from reality TV to plain old reality. "Millions of people will see this. People will demand this," Edelman predicts. "The question is whether the sellers will do it."

HGTV

This house hunter from HGTV's "Sleep on It" isn't just checking out the square footage of this patio — he's putting it to the test to see whether it inspires good music.

If you ask Darrin Friedman, vice president of Chevy Chase's Coldwell Banker branch, the answer could be yes. "The first thing that hits my brain is, 'Is it legal?'" he says.

After getting over the paperwork problem and making sure the prospective buyers are serious, there's the issue of protecting the homeowners' stuff and ensuring the unit isn't damaged during such an unconventional "test-drive." There are possible concerns on the shoppers' side as well. "I thought it was a little strange at first, just the idea that we'd be sleeping in a stranger's bed," Nancy Maas remembers.

Friedman would be more inclined to grant a visit of just a few hours, perhaps inviting folks to put those granite counter tops and

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stainless-steel appliances to the test. "Cook a meal in the kitchen. That would be a valuable tool to really experience the home," he says.

And times are desperate enough that the idea of real estate slumber parties isn't crazy, notes Ken Johnson, CEO of D.C. Real Estate. "People are so afraid of making a home purchase. If this would get them over a hurdle, sure," he says. "What else do they need? A pony?"

He, too, is wary of the concept, but it's not such a far cry from some of the techniques already well established in the business, like throwing catered parties in new condo buildings. "The whole point is to sit down, relax and experience the property. If they walk in and out in five minutes, they're not doing that. Get them to stay for half an hour, have a glass of wine and they feel at home," he adds.

No one questions the fact that there's valuable info to be gleaned from an overnight stay. The Maases, for instance, learned that no one will deliver food to such a remote location. And the pond that seemed so serene when they first walked outside? "When I saw my son running around, I realized it would make me a nervous wreck," Nancy Maas says.

Even real estate agents — who one would think check their places out thoroughly — have been surprised during their first 24 hours in a new home. Johnson once found himself living across from a mosque and getting a daily alarm clock in the form of the 5 a.m. call to prayer. Friedman didn't realize how low the counter tops were in his master bathroom until he went to shave.

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Sleepovers aren't simply silliness — how else do you find out that the neighbors argue all night long about "American Idol"?

> "The whole point is to relax and experience the property."
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> **KEN JOHNSON**, D.C. REAL ESTATE

There are hidden happy revelations, too, like a glorious sunset view from the deck, or the garage that's a suitably soundproof spot for band practice. "It made me more willing to accept a rural setting," says Nancy Maas. Although the Maas' episode won't air until later in the season — so no spoilers here — it might amaze real estate agents to know that more than half of the episodes have resulted in bids.

Sage is definitely sold on the concept. He'd even invite folks to copy the "Sleep on It" model with their Olney place, which has now been sitting on the market for nearly a year. "That's how real estate should be. Don't make holes in the wall, but tear it up," Sage says. "Turn on every faucet; open every door."

The couple may not have worked through their city-versus-country debate, but on this issue, he and his wife are in complete agreement: "I would do just about anything to sell. If anyone wants to spend the night [at our place], they're welcome to it," Nancy Haas says. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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WORLDLY GOODS: Pat Richardson filled the bedroom in his downtown loft condo with items including a French armoire, Vietnamese pots and a wild Canadian tapestry.

Global Warming Trend

From Danish sofas to African masks, imports add exotic edge to interiors

Inspired interiors are a lot like memorable meals. In both cases, the most delicious ones mix and match a variety of ethnic influences, colors and textures. But it wasn't so long ago that if you wanted to inject your space with anything close to an exotic vibe, all you could do was plop down one of Pier 1's Papasan wicker chairs in the middle of your cookie-cutter living room.

But, thanks to globalization, we're now not only traveling to far-flung places, but those places are also arriving on our doorstep home design-wise via specialty stores and mass retailers selling everything from Chinese cabinets to West African masks and Swedish settees. The style sea change allows people to craft condo interiors that you might describe as trades wind chic — no stint in the Foreign Service required.

Take Pat Richardson, 45, who works for defense contractor Science Applications Incorporated at the Pentagon. In his 800-square-foot loft-like condo near U Street, he's combined mid-century modern classic furniture by Le Corbusier and Saarinen with exotic elements.

Think a Tibetan rug in his living room, a Japanese Tansu chest in his kitchen, and a Canadian weaving, French country armoire, Vietnamese pots and World War I recruiting posters in his bedroom.

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ROAD THRILL: Pottery and utensils from African countries like Ghana and Morocco can make an ordinary meal seem like it's taking place in a faraway place.

"For years before I bought my condo, I rented an apartment in Mt. Pleasant from a guy who owned a design shop on F Street in the 1970s," says Richardson. "This is where I learned how to pull a place together. I started with clean-lined classic furniture and then layered in pottery, textiles and artifacts."

Like many Washingtonians, Richardson travels for his job and for pleasure — mostly in Southeast Asia, where he has purchased many of the accent pieces for his condo.

"I've also found wonderful resources in the city," says Richardson, who recently bought four 1880 Chinese carved screens at Dragonfly Design Decor, which just happens to be walking distance from his flat. When a Tibetan rug at Qi in Alexandria caught Richardson's eye but wasn't quite big enough, store owner Kevin Kosa called his sources in Tibet and got him the larger size.

"The key," says Richardson, "when you go out to find furnishings: Look at a potential purchase from the standpoint of beauty and function." And that's often not difficult with Asian pieces, since many were built as versatile storage vessels. Richardson, who finds space a critical issue in his condo, places his TV set on a 24-inch-high Tibetan prayer chest in his living room that he also uses to stash clippers and pruners for gardening on the nearby balcony. The Japanese Tansu cabinet in his kitchen stores pots, pans and canned goods.

Kim Hessler, who owns Dragonfly Design Decor — which specializes in Asian antiques — says, "Today's modern structures look cold and similar. When you mix in a piece from China, Africa or Europe with an imperfection or two, you add an element of surprise. The knowledge of where and how it was made and used makes it even more intriguing." Hessler advises "finding one piece that's attractive to you and building on it."

"If you find something special in your travels, bring it home," says Deb Sagerholm, owner of Marco Polo Treasures in Kensington, Md., (which sells furnishings and accents from Thailand, Indonesia, Tibet, Burma and Korea). Except, she adds, if it's a very large piece, you may want to think twice about

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Globe Trotted Out

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it because of high shipping fees.

Whether you find treasure in Beijing or Bowie, though, Sagerholm says don't worry about what it is or how you'll use it. In her store, she points out an Indonesian jodang, a high-sided, 58-inch wide chest, traditionally used to hold a bride's wedding gifts. "This has no relation to any furniture we have in the states, so I tell customers to think creatively: Use it as a window seat, coffee table or put a cushion on it and use it as a storage bench at the foot of a bed." To blend such elements into your pad, you have to discard notions that dressers must be in bedrooms or dining chairs in a dining room.

> "Mix in a piece from China, Africa or Europe, [and] you add an element of surprise."
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> **KIM HESSLER**, DRAGONFLY DESIGN

"Far-flung finds personalize your home," says Sagerholm. But if you're wary of a big investment, you can also transform a room and conjure up another culture just with paint or a few accessories. Rusty reds, greens and bronzes call to mind the Far East; oxblood red, teal and gold convey the Kremlin in Russia. If the results don't resonate, grab another gallon or two.

Irene Whalen, who has sold Malinese mudcloth, Ghanese masks and South African tableware at U Street's Zawadi since 1992, agrees that mixing worldly goods into a room often means looking beyond an object's original purpose. "I see a beautiful old garment and think wall hanging; a decorative pot can be a stool and contemporary South African tableware, art."

When traveling in exotic locales, Whalen suggests, check out hotels and restaurants, which often host exhibits of local artists, for design ideas and inspirations. In a restaurant in Mali, Whalen noticed an ingenious use of a local material — slabs of salt that had been turned into lamps.

When you're on vacation in Bhutan or just shopping at the World Market in Bethesda, don't buy something without "considering scale and proportion," says D.C.-based designer Nestor Santa Cruz.

COURTESY TON ON TONE

IT'S NOT IKEA: Tone on Tone sells Swedish furniture and accessories that were the latest thing — in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Santa Cruz placed a client's collection of African wood statues (formerly scattered around a room) on one high-tech steel-and-glass table. Cruz says the wood statues balanced the transparency of the modern table and ended up making a more powerful statement in a group than individually.

He'd do the same thing with, say, a collection of tribal rugs from Turkey. "Place several small earth-toned ones with colorful accents to cover the floor of a bedroom — they create a mosaic effect that's far more interesting than one large rug."

Loi Thai's aquavit-clear eye for Scandinavian design is always on the move as he travels and buys for himself or his Bethesda store, Tone on Tone, which showcases Swedish antiques. Thai's philosophy is that if you like something, it will work out somewhere, even if it's not the spot you originally intended. If you're just starting out, think small. Two items can make a collection, but how you display them matters.

Thai advises looking for some common element, whether it's shape, pattern, texture or color. For example, African mud cloth, Indonesian textiles and Indian baskets work well together because of similar patterns, texture and a "tribal feel." The colors in primitive American art blend with blue and white Chinese pottery as well as the blues and grays of Swedish furnishings.

Thai recently came up with a solution for customers who wanted to put their collection of Ming Dynasty porcelain on a mantel in a room full of modern furniture. He selected an antique bonsai marble planter for the mantel. Because of its clean lines, pale color and simple shape, the piece bridged the gap between Ming and modern.

According to Kansas City's Patricia Shackelford, who blogs about design at Mrsblandings.blogspot.com, one of the advantages of buying furnishings away from home is the freshness factor — and the low chane that you'll see the same thing you bought in someone else's digs. Also, picking up pieces for your pad on a trip means you end up with untacky (hopefully) mementos of the occasion — like a watercolor Shackelford bought in Florida that evokes memories of a great vacation there. "Get to know dealers, shop owners; talk to people and tell them what you're looking for," says Shackelford. "You can't do that at Pier 1."

Once you have the exotic decor bug, keep in mind that you don't want your condo to look like Epcot. A few well-chosen pieces — a Chinese gong, a Tibetan table and lacquered bowls —can create a space that feels both well-traveled and like a sanctuary to chill in at journey's end. JANET BENNETT

IDEA LIST

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ABACA IMPORTS — Javanese teak benches, Chinese cabinets and Asian accessories (Buddhas, calligraphy brushes, teapots) star at this warehouse-y spot. 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-684-2901; Abacaimports.com

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COST PLUS WORLD MARKET — The prices at these home meccas are so low, we fear sweatshop involvement. But the hipster warehouses boast killer furniture and accessories like a capiz shell curtain or a carved wooden Chinese dragon to deck walls. Worldmarket.com for area locations.

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MARCO POLO'S TREASURES — Modern and antique finds (a contempo Balinese grass bench, an 18th-century Chinese Buddhist temple drum) mingle at this design den. 4263 Howard Ave., Kensington, 301-530-3420; Marcopolostreasures.com

PIER I IMPORTS — The granddaddy of the import chains holds everything from Indian curtains that look like saris to sofas, tables and chairs made of, yep, wicker! Pier1.com for area locations.

TONE ON TONE — Swedish settees, Danish mirrors and other Scandinavian antiques here cost a lot, but they're close to museum quality and work in both modern and country rooms. 7920 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 240-498-0800; Tone-on-tone.com

ZAWADI — The U Street outpost for African art and accessories overflows with wooden stools, masks and textiles. 1524 U St. NW, Washington, 202-232-2214; Zawadidc.com J.B.

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Paul Carabello, who lived in a condo at the Avalon, had homeowners insurance, which covered costs of a recent fire there, including a temporary apartment.

Calamity Coverage

In case of a fire or flood, condo owners ponder insurance issues

During most of the six hours it took D.C. firefighters to extinguish a blaze that engulfed his condominium building, Paul Carabello huddled outside with his neighbors, clutching the things he had managed to save: his passport, Social Security card and cellphone.

But soon enough, Carabello was thinking about the things he had left behind: the television. And the books. Shelves and shelves of books on architecture, design and art that he had collected over 10 years.

The four-alarm fire in October at Carabello's Adams Morgan condo building, the Avalon, prompted an urgent question for its residents: "How much will my insurance cover?" Victims of the Cherry Glen condominium fire in Beltsville confronted the same question recently. It's a concern for all homeowners who face misfortune, be it a flood, a fire or a pesky dog that chews up the carpet.

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dominiums have basic insurance coverage to protect their investment, homeowners have many options for additional coverage to safeguard their personal property. Misunderstandings about what is covered can leave owners unprotected. Renters who rely on a landlord's policy can also face losses.

Many Avalon residents, including Carabello, had homeowners insurance. Others didn't and are struggling. The condo association's master insurance policy will pay for the rebuilding but not for the replacement of owners' personal property. And owners must continue to pay their mortgages, monthly condo fees and property taxes.

Local fundraisers brought in $9,000 in donations, which went to temporarily offset the cost of monthly condo fees. But even with insurance and donations, displaced owners still expect to feel a pinch.

Most owners have an allotment from their insurance company to cover the cost of renting another apartment while the building is rehabilitated, said Samiya Edwards, a consultant who lived on the building's fourth floor. Edwards and her fiance are renting an apartment nearby but may have to dip into their savings before they can move back to the Avalon. "We will definitely be out of pocket," she said. "You're never going to recoup all your costs."

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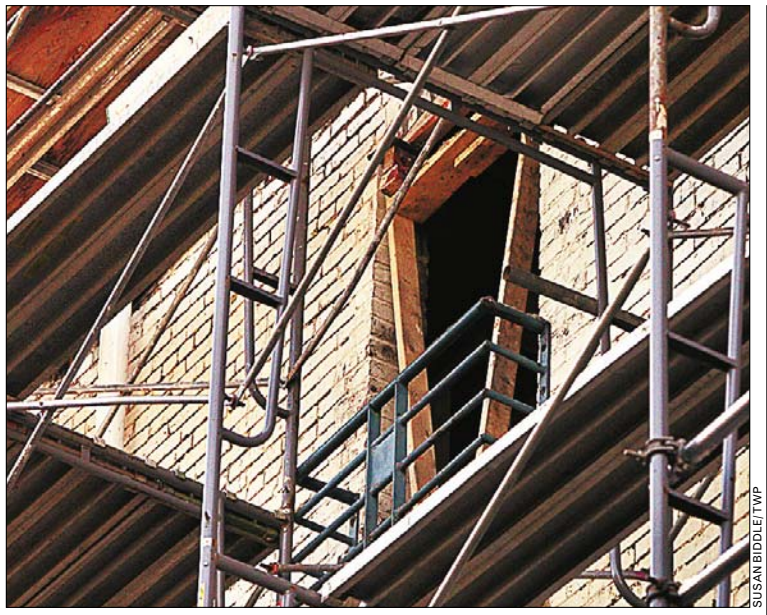
> **SAMIYA EDWARDS**, FIRE VICTIM

Deciding how much insurance is enough to protect your home can be daunting. Insurers recommend that homeowners keep a running tally of their property, including any special items, such as heirlooms or expensive jewelry, that may require additional coverage.



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The Avalon, a D.C. condo building, is undergoing extensive repairs after a fire.

For owners of single-family homes, deciphering what is covered on the standard policy can be confusing. Mortgage lenders require owners to have enough insurance to cover the cost of rebuilding the home. But in a recent study, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners found widespread misunderstanding about what else the policies cover.

For example, standard policies cover damage from fire, lightning, hail or theft, but not floods or earthquakes. Insurance against flood damage, for example, is provided by the National Flood Insurance Program. This issue often emerges after disasters such as hurricanes, when surprised homeowners find themselves without enough coverage.

The need for separate flood and earthquake insurance is just the start of the issues homeowners seem misinformed about, said Cathy Weatherford, chief executive of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. "A pretty high percentage thought their pets would be covered under [their] homeowners policy if they were stolen or injured," Weatherford said. They're not.

Condominium owners are sometimes equally perplexed about what is covered under their policies. Condos are required to have insurance, known as a master policy, to pay for

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Residents of the burned Cherry Glenn condo complex thought they were insured.

the building's reconstruction in the event of a fire, accident or disaster. But owners' personal property would be covered under separate homeowners policies, which are not required. Generally, the master policy covers the physical building and each unit owner's walls, floors and ceiling. Some policies also include standard fixtures such as kitchen cabinets, major appliances and bathroom fixtures.

Master policies can be extended to protect a condominium association from theft. But some owners confuse the policy maintained by the association with personal homeowners insurance that would protect their belongings. Many new condo communities now require their owners to have insurance.

After 19 units at the Cherry Glen condominium were damaged by a 2007 fire, property manager John Sheehy found that most of the owners had homeowners policies. But Sheehy heard from two who didn't. One appeared to think that the unit was covered under the master policy, while the other had let the policy lapse the month before. The association's bylaws state that owners should carry additional insurance coverage for their personal items, said Sheehy, director of property management at D.H. Bader.

There are limits to what many master policies will cover. A kitchen damaged by a broken pipe, for example, will be restored to its original condition. But if owners have made any upgrades to the kitchen, such as new granite counter tops, their personal homeowners insurance would have to make up the difference in restoration costs.

Condo owners and their community associations can also disagree on who should pay the deductible if the association decides the damage to a unit should be covered by the master policy. "The deductible can be $1,000 or $25,000. Does the unit owner pay the deductible, or does the association pay the deductible?" said Shelah F. Lynn, a lawyer with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll.

The Gables on Tuckerman, a Bethesda condo community, faced a similar question when an owner asked to be reimbursed for repairs to her unit after a water heater leak on the upper level of her unit. The association declined to file a claim with its master insurance policy because the damage did not meet the $10,000 deductible. The Montgomery County Circuit Court sided with the association in the dispute, which is now before the Maryland Court of Appeals in Annapolis.

The condo board "has the duty to undertake repairs that affect the condominium as a whole," said Tom Mugavero, a lawyer with Whiteford Taylor Preston, who is representing the association. "When it affects only one person, the board has to consider the costs to the association as a whole."

An excessive amount of claims could push premiums higher and make it more difficult to secure a policy, Mugavero said. "Excessive claims on the master policy result in an extended loss report, which has a detrimental effect. You can claim yourself out of the market."

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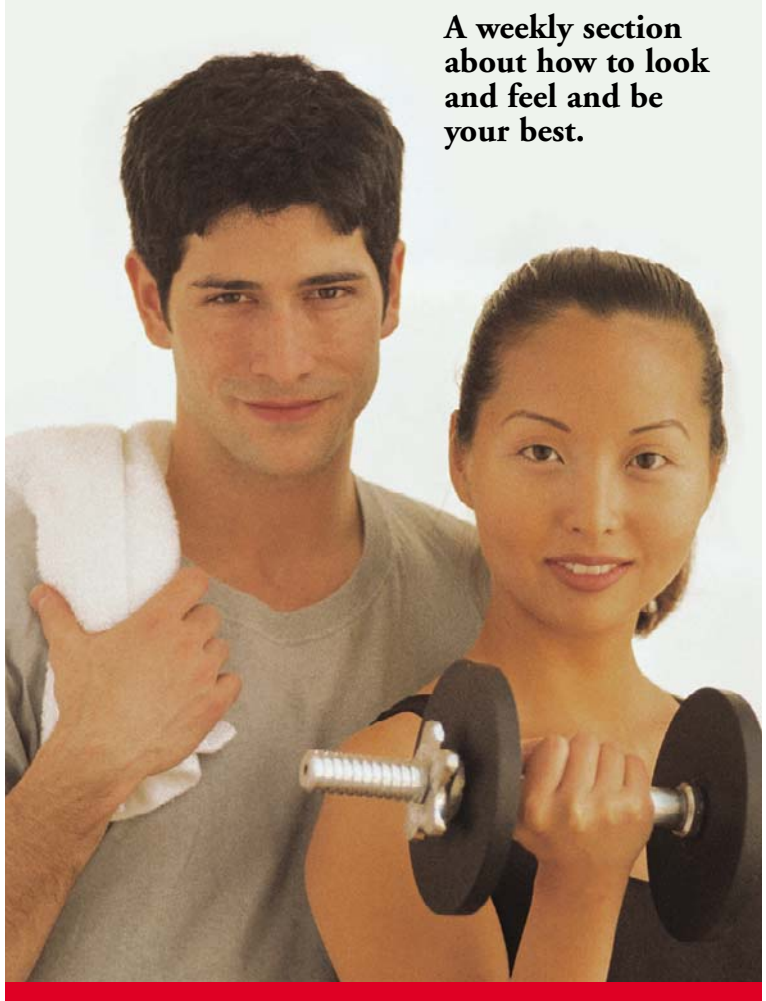

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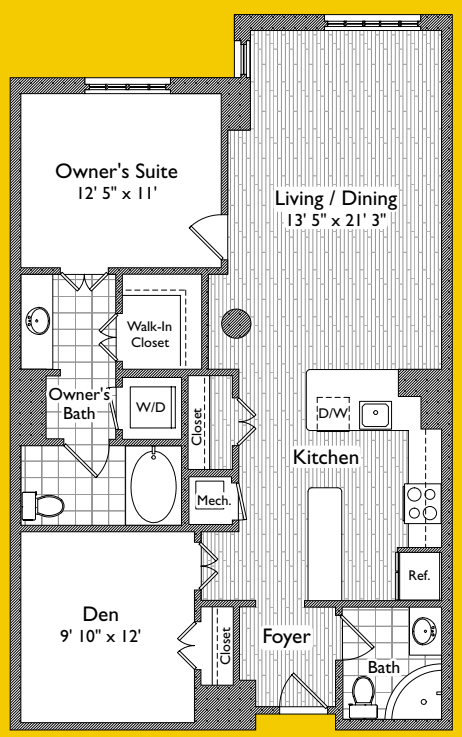

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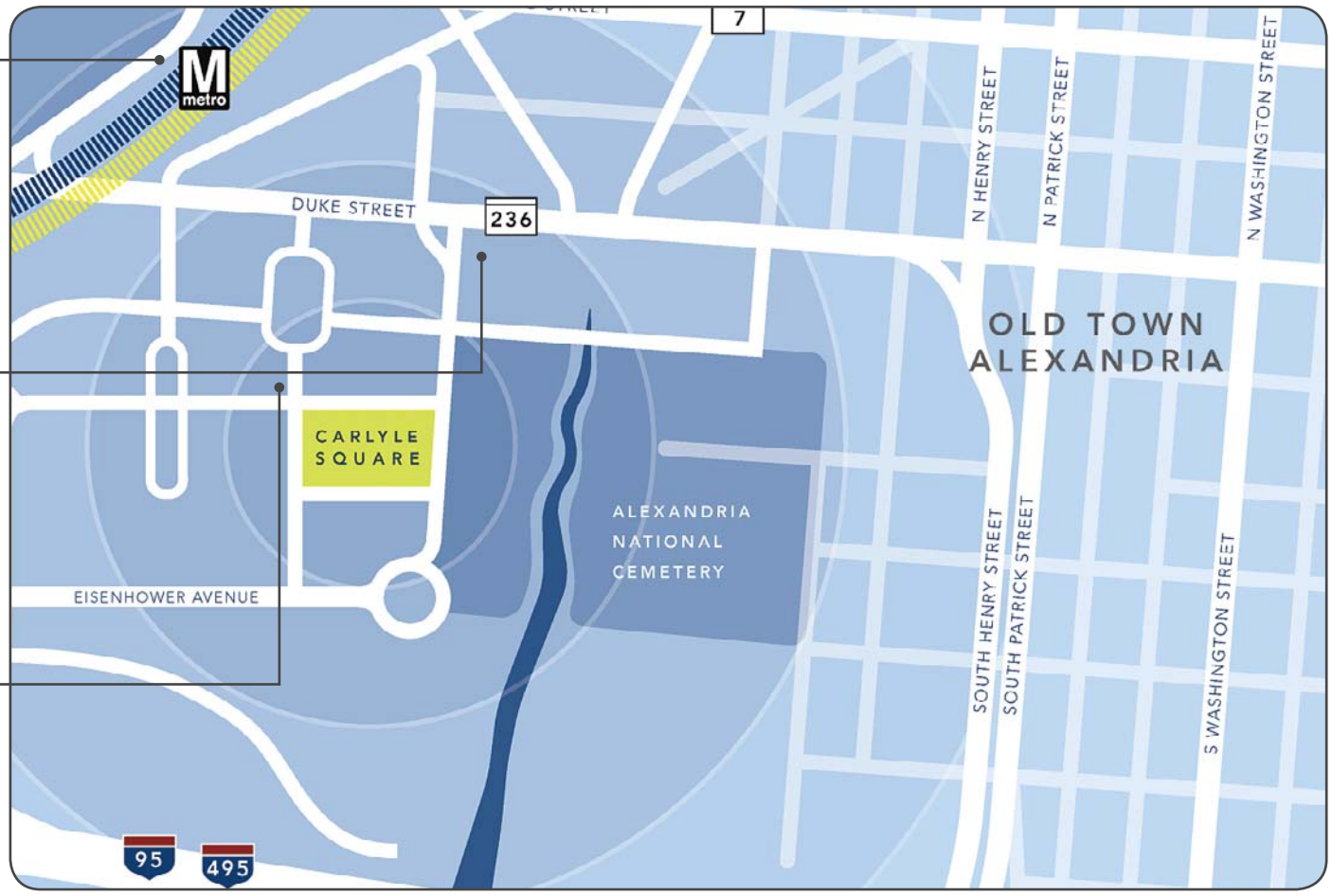

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